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## Is Swansea dragging down Bridgend's 'flagship' hospital?

# THREAT TO SERVICES AS TRUST FACES £30m DEFICIT

### ANOTHER GEM EXCLUSIVE

by  
**JAYNE ISAAC**

**FEARS are mounting that hospital services in Bridgend will be cut – because of a potential £30m deficit facing the newly-formed Abertawe Bro Morgannwg NHS Trust.**

In a statement to The GEM, finance director Eifion Williams said that in order to break even by the end of the financial year, the trust will have to find savings of £30m.

He said that these savings were needed to bridge the gap between the funding received from the Assembly, and the cost of pay increases to staff, plus rises in the costs of the materials purchased during the year.

The trust serves a huge population, stretching from the western Vale across to Swansea and beyond.

It was formed two years ago when the former Bro Morgannwg Trust, which covered Bridgend and Neath Port Talbot, was merged with the Swansea Trust.

It was hoped that there would be economies of scale and cuts in management posts.

Mr Williams said that the trust is also required to invest additional money to reduce waiting times for treatment, in order to hit government targets.

Mr Williams said that all departments were now looking at ways of trying to deliver services differently within the funding available, but still providing appropriate services to patients.

A new health board will be replacing the trust on October 1, and it will also incorporate the local health boards for Bridgend, Neath Port Talbot and Swansea. Mr Williams said it will have to carry on with the same financial objectives.

He added: "There is a very big challenge facing the new health board, and because there is no scope for the money to be provided by anyone else, the need to deliver the savings will not go away but must be tackled sensibly and sensitively."

The trust has denied that patient services will suffer and has stated that it is committed to providing safe, quality services. However, financial pressures and the requirements of the

European Working Time directive, which limits the number of hours staff can work, means the trust has to review all its services to ensure that they are cost effective and clinically safe.

Now, a former health board member has expressed concern about what's happening.

Coun David Deere of Porthcawl is the former vice-chairman of the old Iechyd Morgannwg Area Health Authority, and was later vice-chairman of the Bridgend Local Health Board.

In all, he was involved in health administration for 15 years, until a serious illness forced him to quit two years ago.

He said: "What concerns me is that Bridgend is suffering because of the forced marriage between the Bro Morgannwg and Swansea Trusts to create Abertawe Bro Morgannwg."

"Bro Morgannwg, under chief executive Paul Williams, was seen as the flagship trust for Wales. It never exceeded its budget and was never overspent."

"However, the old Morriston Trust was always in the red, and I remember that they were constantly putting together rescue plans which never worked."

He continued: "The fact is that the two trusts were forced into a merger by the Welsh Assembly Government and it has been to the detriment of patients and staff at hospitals at the Bridgend end."

"Resources are being diverted to bail out the Swansea hospitals."

Mr Deere said that the trust was trying to save £30m over the next six months.

He emphasised: "That's the equivalent of £60m in a full financial year. I know there will be some savings by doing away with the local health boards, but I have concerns that patient services are bound to suffer."

"That's a lot of money to find. I do not believe that these savings can be achieved without impinging on patient care and services."

Mr Deere said that the Princess of Wales Hospital was likely to be the biggest casualty as cuts were spread across the

board. Fears have also been expressed by health unions that the trust could axe 500 jobs, but this has been denied by the trust.

At the moment, the trust has more than 70 vacant posts for doctors within its hospitals, but says it is attempting to fill them.

Nurses are also complaining that their numbers are being reduced as people leave and are not replaced – but this has also been denied.

A staff nurse at the Princess of Wales hospital, who does not want to be named, said that there had been "riots" when attempts were made to reduce the number of nurses by four on Ward 7.

She said: "Morale is low, because staff in Bridgend believe that we are being penalised because of the financial difficulties at the Swansea end."

"We are under more and more pressure, with people not being replaced and others off on the sick."

The Trust employs 16,000 staff and has a budget of £800million.

## Body in car - driver pleads 'not guilty'

**A NIGHTCLUB doorman who drove his young girlfriend's body to Porthcawl Police Station, has denied murdering her.**

Philip Packer, 49, has pleaded not guilty to the murder of shopworker Jenna Thomas, 21, at Porthcawl in June.

Jenna was found dead in the front seat of Packer's Volkswagen Bora car parked outside Porthcawl Police Station.

Doorman Mr Packer and shop assistant Jenna had formerly lived together in the sea-side town.

Packer appeared in Cardiff Crown Court on Tuesday (September 8) and pleaded not guilty to her murder.

Packer, of The Esplanade, Porthcawl, was remanded and will face trial on January 12 next year.

He worked as a doorman at clubs in Porthcawl and Jenna was an assistant at children's clothes shop Holkat.

## Porthcawl couple celebrate '50 golden years' together...

**A NOTTAGE couple, Marian and Peter Millis, recently had some surprise visitors as they were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.**

The Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun Rosemary Deere, and her consort Coun David Deere, presented them with a bouquet of flowers from Porthcawl Town Council.

Marian and Peter told The GEM: "We met at a RAFA dance in the Grand Pavilion in September 1956."

At the time, Marian lived in Cefn Cribwr and Peter lived in Margam.

They were married, after Peter had finished his national service, on September 5, 1959, and were evidently an adventurous couple –



Marian and Peter at home with their family. Photograph by KEITH E MORGAN.

honeymooning in Majorca!

They recalled: "We were seen off at Bridgend Railway Station by our families, stayed overnight in London and flew to Majorca."

"The airport was more or less a field in those days, and we had to land in France to refuel!"

They lived in Tondy for nine years before

moving to their present home in Nottage in 1968.

Peter was an architect, and was responsible for the design of the rebuilt St David's Church in Nottage. He must have been happy with the way it turned out, because their daughter Sara was married there in 1995!

Marian and Peter said: "We now have two

beautiful grandchildren, Nia (aged 10) and Elis (six) and see them almost every day. It keeps us young!"

"We feel blessed to have enjoyed 50 golden years and would like to acknowledge and give thanks to our parents (now departed) and to all our friends who have helped to make our lives such a joy over the years."

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# No substance to a UK conspiracy over release of Lockerbie bomber

**M**ANY of you will have read in the past few days of the al-Megrahi case in Scotland involving the convicted Lockerbie bomber who was released to go back to Libya, after being diagnosed with a terminal illness.

Much has been written about the case by people with no understanding of the legal system in the UK, and this week I thought I would provide readers with background on it.

Scots law is different from that of England and Wales. The Scottish criminal legal system is independent of London, and there is no right

of appeal to the House of Lords on a criminal case.

When Scotland joined what became the UK in 1707, one of the conditions of joining was that it kept its own law and legal system.

This means that although, for example, Wales and Scotland are part of the UK, for the purposes of criminal law they may as well be separate countries.

The courts of Wales have no jurisdiction in Scotland and vice versa.

When the Scottish Parliament was set up in 1997, it made sense then to give it responsibility for Scotland's legal system. It has responsibility for the courts, sentencing,

prisoner release, prisons and police.

Since 1997, there has been a Justice Minister in Scotland who has held responsibility for the system. Let's turn to the al-Megrahi case.

The Pan Am plane that was blown up by him exploded over Lockerbie in Scotland. On that basis, it was the Scottish courts that had jurisdiction over the crime.

Al-Megrahi was convicted by a Scottish court sitting in the Netherlands and was then taken to serve his life sentence in a Scottish jail.

Any decision to release him was within the power of a Scottish Minister and not anyone at

Westminster.

When prisoners serving life sentences are being considered for release, there has to be in place a set of criteria that a Minister can refer to when making a decision on whether to release anyone.

The worst system you can have is one where decisions are taken on a whim. That's not fair on prisoners applying for release, or on the general public who expect their politicians to take rational decisions.

Once you have those criteria in place, it becomes difficult to take a decision that isn't based on them. It would be very difficult for a Minister to decide simply to

ignore his or her own criteria because it suited them.

The decision to release al-Megrahi was taken by Kenny Macaskill, Scotland's Justice Minister, and a Scottish Nationalist. UK ministers had no powers to intervene.

Yet there seem to be some who are keen on the conspiracy theory that Gordon Brown somehow instructed the Scottish Government to release al-Megrahi, and so this is all the fault of the UK Labour Government.

Let's examine that claim - that a Labour Prime Minister told a Scottish nationalist Minister what to do and that Nationalist Minister obeyed?

## Assembly Notes



by **CARWYN JONES**  
AM for Bridgend  
Counsel General and Leader of the House.

*Despite the stories being run by Fleet Street's finest, I think most people can see how unlikely that is!*

## 'Car park charges alienating residents'

**I**AM not surprised that Rhondda Cynon Taf police are being inundated with complaints from angry residents of Pontyclun about the parking in the village.

There always has been a problem, but this has become far worse since the Labour-controlled Rhondda Cynon Taf Council, in their wisdom, decided to put cash machines in the local car parks.

All they have succeeded in doing is alienating the residents and putting extra pressure on the police.

It might be interesting if the council published figures on the cost of cash machines and the revenue generated since charges started.

Mary Walker, Pontyclun

## Shopping contrasts

**O**N Saturday, I drove to Bridgend to shop at ASDA, just for a change but the car park was full and the queue stretched to the road.

I tried Tesco - a few parking spots, if you drove around a few times, but chaos in store, no staff in sight upstairs and long queues at tills downstairs.

I gave up and came home to Llantwit, where I usually do most of my shopping daily: easy parking, peace and quiet, not a queue in sight and smiling staff. Simple.

Then I drove to the beach, had a cup of tea and read the paper. Bliss.

Ros Lewis, Llantwit Major

## HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL SEPTEMBER 17)

The high tides listed in The GEM are those in Barry. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Porthcawl, the high point will be 15-20 minutes earlier.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
10 Thur	10.54	13.7	23.16	13.3
11 Fri	11.33	13.1	23.53	12.5
12 Sat			12.19	12.3
13 Sun	01.01	12.0	13.37	12.2
14 Mon	02.26	11.9	15.15	12.0
15 Tues	03.59	12.2	16.43	12.8
16 Wed	05.26	13.2	17.51	13.9
17 Thur	06.26	14.2	18.38	14.8

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## Call for a public inquiry on MoD training college

**K**EEPING the Defence Training College development within the St Athan site boundary ('within the wire') is quite feasible - but WAG's grand plans and land purchases were based on winning both Packages One and Two.

Once Package Two was dropped and Package One scaled down to 2,500 on-site trainees (max), WAG could have omitted the peripheral road and avoided developing the western green fields.

Yet the WAG planners at the 'consultative' exhibitions showed themselves wedded to the grander scheme and to spending an extra £10-20 million of public money. They refused to consider restricting development to within the wire, using the short access at West Camp as Ann Barnaby and STAG

propose (GEM letter, August 27.).

Under Environmental Impact Assessment law, the Vale Council planners could have required them to supply full information on this option. But Gordon Kemp's welcome to the applications as council leader effectively told them to make the ride easy.

The substantial housing and road developments outside the wire are a serious departure from the existing development plan (UDP) and could be said to "significantly prejudice" the UDP by reason of scale, nature or location.

WAG could, therefore, call it in for a public inquiry, but being developers could hardly decide this fairly.

By rights, the Vale Council might defer a decision pending the new development plan (LDP) passing through its consultation and inquiry processes.

Seeing a decision is more urgent, the public

are entitled to have this major departure called in for public inquiry under the Planning Inspectorate.

Certainly, one can argue "planning issues of more than local importance", with possible "wide effects" and "substantial controversy" beyond the immediate locality and even "issues of national security".

These are all points in the official Planning

Policy Wales.

There's a challenge to people who are undecided or support the Training College in principle - would you also in fairness support the right for objectors and alternatives to be heard at a public inquiry under the planning inspectorate? Max Wallis, (Barry & Vale Friends of the Earth)

## 'CHECK THE ST ATHAN WEBSITE'

**I**SEE a website has been made for the St Athan development and in it they rightly say that people know little about it.

I urge all residents to look at this - a firing range and an outside assault course will affect people for miles.

When I attended the 'consultation' at St Athan in 2006, there were six people there.

In Llantwit Major there were about 25 (Llantwit alone has about 12,000 people).

Where did they all go?

Vickey Way

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# Maesteg woman raises £1,600 for hospital after her miracle treatment

A Maesteg woman's horse show has raised £1,600 for the Maxillofacial department at Morriston Hospital.

Susan Allridge, of Park Street, organised the event at Pencoe College in gratitude for the work done by surgeons at the hospital to rebuild her face.

Susan, 26, was kicked in the face by a young horse and suffered serious injuries, including a shattered jaw and broken facial bones which almost resulted in her losing an eye, and loss of teeth.

The team at Morriston created a model of her face and then carried out a 14-hour operation to rebuild it.

They managed to save her eye and her sight. She has been left with a little scarring, but will undergo further surgery next year.

"It is a year since the accident and I am still having treatment," she said. "I need another bone graft and will also have teeth implants."

Susan remains a horse lover despite the accident and owns three of her own.

She is grateful to everyone who supported the event and raised this money.

"It was a great day and drew a lot of people in," she said. "I intend to do some more fundraising for the department in future."



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## BLAENGARW LINK WITH RENOWNED RACONTEUR

Hywel Teifi, Sunday, September 13, 9pm S4C. Also Saturday, September 19, 8.25pm S4C. Welsh and English subtitles available Website: [s4c.co.uk/jfeithiol](http://s4c.co.uk/jfeithiol)

A documentary on S4C this week profiles Hywel Teifi, academic, raconteur, author and Arsenal football fan.

Hywel Teifi Edwards himself takes viewers on a journey through his life. He shares his childhood memories, traces his life and career, and regrets those things now lost for ever. Above all, he emphasises the importance of telling a nation's story to its people.

The programme reveals the complexities of this larger-than-life character, while also inviting those who know him well to share their stories about a passionate man who has wowed audiences across Wales

with his inspiring lectures and engaging wit.

Among the programme's contributors is presenter Nia Parry, who was a student of his at Swansea University.

"What I remember is his presence, his charisma and his aura," she says.

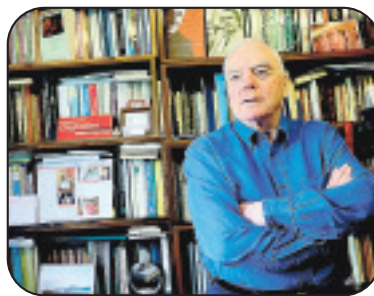
Hywel Teifi recalls his childhood home, the village of Aberarth, between Aberystwyth and Cardigan in Ceredigion. Its beautiful beach was an integral part of his happy childhood.

This is where he used to walk for hours, learning and reciting the poetry of Welsh greats such as T Gwynn Jones, Gwenallt and TH Parry Williams.

Hywel Teifi went on to study at Aberystwyth University where at first he longed for home, but things settled down when he joined the college football team.

After graduating, he taught at Blaengarw near Bridgend, before marrying Aeron at Blaengarw's Tabernacl Chapel in 1960.

The couple had two



ABOVE: Hywel Teifi in his study - he taught at Blaengarw.

children, Huw, the well-known news anchor, and Meinir, who pursued a successful career in cancer nursing research.

The family moved to the village of Llangennech, Carmarthenshire, when Hywel Teifi accepted a post with the extra mural department of Swansea University. He later became Professor of Welsh at Swansea.

"I'm a village man," says Hywel Teifi. "The village used to be a very lively place, but so much has changed. Creating that community spirit is

by now a bit of a challenge."

As well as visiting places in Wales which have been important in his life and career, Hywel also realises a personal dream in the programme.

For the first time, he visits two places which are iconic in his view. They are London's Albert Hall, where he enjoys the company of Anglesey tenor, Gwyn Hughes Jones, and the Emirates Stadium, home of Arsenal football club, a side he has supported for 60 years.

## PAOS show

BROADWAY meets Hollywood for one night only at Porthcawl's Grand Pavilion on Sunday, October 11.

Porthcawl Amateur Operatic Society will be joining forces with the RAF St Athan Voluntary Band to stage an evening of music and song from the world of stage and screen.

The RAF band, under their musical director Alan Bourne, will be playing well-known film themes, including *The Great Escape*, *Pirates of the Caribbean* and the ever popular *Dam Busters March*.

The society, directed by Michael Plowman, will be performing music from classic stage shows, including extracts from *South Pacific*, *My Fair Lady* and *Les Miserables*.

Bridgend Youth Dance are the special guests and will help create an evening designed to appeal to the whole family.

The RAF St Athan Band is a regular finalist in the National Brass Band Championships and can often be heard before games at the Millennium Stadium. This concert will give Porthcawl audiences an opportunity to hear band music of the highest quality.

The Operatic Society staged a highly successful version of *Calamity Jane* earlier this year which was one of its most popular productions for a number of years.

The society looks forward to welcoming its regular supporters to the Grand Pavilion as well as meeting new friends.

Tickets are now available from the pavilion box office on 815995 at £7 and £9.

## Pool-less swimming gala makes ironic point in Porthcawl

THE Porthcawl Pool-less swimming gala takes place on Saturday

September 19, in the 25m 'John Street pool' from 12noon until 1pm.

This fun event, which was staged for the first time last year, is held to highlight the fact that Porthcawl does not have a municipal swimming pool despite being a major holiday resort.

Organiser Gary Victor of Porthcawl SHOUT, said that this event only requires a sense of humour and anyone can do it.

The pool is marked out on the street and contestants have to employ a heel to toe

foot action with any arm action they like.

For the 100m relay, teams can consist of two to four swimmers.

Gary went on: "Health and Safety still have concerns over the pool depth and therefore all diving events have been cancelled!"

He explained that all ages could participate and fancy dress was welcomed. Armbands, rubber rings and even snorkels are permitted for beginners and he thanked Newton Lifeguards who will be present to look after the safety of swimmers.

The event will be opened by town mayor Rosemary Deere and winners' trophies will be presented by local sporting personalities.

Head timekeeper Derek Crowder will operate the master digital clock as organisers hope the Guinness Book of World Records will recognise the event.

Mr Victor said that an entry had been received from Cardiff from a team called the Sharks and money from sponsored teams will go to Ty Hafan.

The organisers are hoping that a number of clubs for both children and adults will take part and there is a special challenge cup this year for teams from hotels, clubs and pubs.

Anyone interested in taking part should ring Gary on 01656-783491 to book your place.

## First Garw Valley run for group's mini loco



ABOVE:

THIS was the scene in the Garw Valley recently when volunteers from the Barry Island Railway ran their 10.25 gauge locomotive at its new location for the first time.

PHOTOGRAPH BY MIKE WILCOCK

## Bridgend children's charity campaign leader sends out an urgent call for help

OPERATION Christmas Child has launched its annual appeal in Bridgend with a call to individuals and communities to support its work for vulnerable children.

"Our concern for this Christmas is that people, naturally, are worried by the recession and that they might be undecided about donating a shoebox in 2009," said Ted Bird, area co-ordinator of Operation Christmas Child.

The initiative sends shoeboxes filled with gifts to children living in very difficult conditions in several countries. In 2008, a total of 2,900 shoeboxes full of presents were donated by individuals and groups across the area, including Pencoe, Maesteg, Porthcawl and Bridgend.

The gift-filled boxes

were checked at the charity's warehouse in Cardiff before being transported to Belarus, Kosovo, Serbia and Ukraine.

"Circumstances are worrying for many people in this country at present, but it is an awful lot worse for the vulnerable children and orphans we seek to support."

"Many are abandoned by their parents or have been removed from abusive situations by the authorities, are ill, or are living in poverty or squalid conditions with their families, conditions that have worsened significantly during the global recession," Mr Bird reported.

"Last year it was revealed that the average spend in the UK on gifts at Christmas, per person, was £359. If everyone gave just a tiny portion of that sum to put together a gift-filled shoebox, we would have a fantastic gift

for a child who may well receive nothing at all if we cannot get them a shoebox."

"It's important to understand that we also help these children and their families - where they have them - year round. We work with communities who are challenged by having no ready access to clean drinking water, for example, or who are impacted by HIV/AIDS. We offer

support throughout the year, although Christmas is a special time to help a child. I am optimistic that the communities in Bridgend will rise to the occasion this year, too," he added.

Anyone wishing to participate in this year's Operation Christmas Child campaign should visit [www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk) or contact the Helpline on 0870 011 2002.



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# Why proud dad Alun is planning a sponsored sky dive from 12,000ft

**DAD Alun Williams, whose daughter was born severely handicapped, is carrying out a sponsored sky dive to raise funds for the Y Bont centre at Bridgend, which helps to care for her.**

Alun, who lives in St Athan with his wife Vikki, told The GEM: "Last October, our daughter Elis was born with a genetic anomaly called CHARGE syndrome and is severely handicapped.

"CHARGE affects one in 10,000 births, so luckily only a few children will be born with this condition each year.

"Each letter of CHARGE stands for a group of disabling conditions and is caused by a genetic mutation during pregnancy.

"Thankfully, CHARGE is rare in the community – but as a result, little is known about it outside specialist medicine. Treatment requires multiple interventions in hospital and from a variety of other professionals.

"Families with disabled children need support to help with the daily tasks associated with caring for their family. We have been very fortunate in obtaining a place for Elis in the Y Bont special nursery at Bridgend, as there are no similar facilities in the Vale.

"Y Bont is a purpose-built family centre in Bridgend. It is a unique service that aims to provide care and support to children with a disability. This is achieved through high quality play, support and medical services.

"The original remit of the centre has extended beyond day care facilities and now offers holiday play schemes, an after-school club and a Saturday club for children with Autism.

"Y Bont relies heavily on volunteers to continue its good work and has a team of very good committed volunteers who contribute their time freely week to week. Y Bont is a registered charity and is extremely grateful for any kind donations or help in fundraising.

"We have been so grateful to have this opportunity for Elis to use the facilities of Y Bont to aid her development. This facility also helps by providing a breathing space to carry out our daily activities, as well as looking after our two other children," he added.

Alun's skydive is planned to take place on September 20, and will involve jumping from a plane at 12,000 feet strapped to an instructor, freefalling for 7,000 feet and then landing by para-



**ABOVE:**  
Alun gives Elis a cuddle.

chute from 5,000 feet ("hopefully").

"The target is to raise £1,000 and we are some way to achieving this, but would welcome any additional support towards achieving this target," Alun said.

● If anyone would like to support Alun by sponsoring his skydive they can do so by going to [www.justgiving.com/alunwilliams3](http://www.justgiving.com/alunwilliams3)

Y Bont can be contacted at Ewenny Road, Bridgend, CF31 3HT; telephone: 01656 646013, Fax: 01656 646866. E-mail: [ybont@hotmail.com](mailto:ybont@hotmail.com). Donations to y Bont may be made by going to [justgiving.com](http://justgiving.com) and type in y-bont – it will take you to their page.

## Friends give a boost to 'Help for Heroes'

SIX friends from Treos, Llangan and Llanblethyn raised more than £1,300 for the 'Help for Heroes' charity by cycling the Taff Trail from Brecon to Cardiff on Saturday, August 28.

This worthy charity supports the wounded men and women of the British Armed Services.

Mike Higgins' son, Lt Matthew Higgins, will be completing his first tour of duty in Afghanistan this October with the Royal Artillery.



**ABOVE, left to right:** Rob Good, Steve Creed, Peter Jenkins, Mike Higgins, John Williams and Craig Jerwood.

## Gambo helpers are thanked

**W**E would like to thank you for your continuous support for our Gambo events.

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## NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM:

If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me.

I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

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**Concert appeal**  
**OGMORE VALLEY male voice choir is holding its annual charity concert on Saturday, September 26, at the Canolfan Bethlehem Centre, Commercial Street, Ogmere Vale, at 7pm.**

Tickets are £4, available on 01656 841429 or from any choir member.

The concert is to help raise funds to provide assistance to Bradley McKenzie, a three-year-old boy from Brackla.

Bradley had a viral infection as a baby, since when he has been unable to sit up or stand.

His parents are hoping that specialist physiotherapy with Bobath Cymru will help this young lad to at least gain some muscle control.

The treatment is expensive and is, unfortunately, an ongoing situation. Please make an effort and support this worthwhile cause.

The choir practices every Thursday evening at 7pm in Canolfan Bethlehem and welcomes new recruits.

**Special festival**  
**THE St Brides Minor Retired Persons Club meets at Bryncethin Memorial Hall each Wednesday, between 2pm-3.30pm.**

On September 16, there will be a special harvest festival event with Rev Stephen Pare of St Bride's Church, Llansantffraid.

The club welcomes visitors and new members. For more information, telephone Enlyn on 01656 667994.

**School contacts**  
**MR MARTIN GRIFFITHS, headteacher of Tynrhyl primary school, Llangeinor, is asking all responsible relatives of pupils at the school to check that they have supplied up-to-date contact details.**

These are essential if the school has to contact them in an emergency, or if the pupil is taken ill.

Last term, the school had situations arise where they had to contact the relative, but the details given were either out of date, or unobtainable.

**Sarn coffee**  
**A MACMILLAN Cancer Support coffee morning is being held at Sarn Life Long Learning Centre on September 26, between 10.30am-12noon.** This charity does much good

work with palliative care and campaigns for a better deal for people affected by cancer.

It wants everyone with cancer to receive the right level of treatment and support, regardless of who they are and where they live.

**Church fete**  
**THE St David's Church, Betws annual fete started off well, with the weather being fine, but by lunchtime down came the drizzle!**

Fortunately, a marquee had been erected on the primary school playing field, in which the community choir performed and the Irish dancers showed their skills.

The children's hard work culminated in a procession with a large dragon entering the hall.

Every home made cake was sold and the church fund benefited by more than £200.

**Christmas Box appeal**

**THE St Bride's church, Llansantffraid will again be a collection point of boxes for operation Christmas Child. All items in the boxes must be new to cover the import regulations of the country where it is being sent.**

The boxes can be filled with toys, especially bears, soft toys, dolls, educational supplies pens, paper and pencils.

Please donate £2.50 with the box to cover cost of transport to its designated destination.

A donation of £31.88 has been sent by the ladies of the church to the Archbishop of Wales fund for children.

**CONGRATULATIONS to Rev David Mortimer, St David's church, Pontycymmer, who has been appointed president of the Garw Valley male voice choir (Cor Meibion Cwm Garw).**

**WI show**  
**FOLLOWING the shock news that Neath Port Talbot Borough Council had cancelled Margam show, Glamorgan Federation of Women's Institutes show committee, organised the Glamorgan Women's Institute show at North Cornelly community centre.**

Unlike the Margam Show, this was for Women's Institute branches only; the setting up of exhibits and judging was on August 28, and the show was opened to the public on August 29.

The theme was 'On The Box', every class-title was applicable to

a television programme, some current, some from yesteryear.

There were 1,250 entries and the standard was even higher than the year before, which had been excellent. Aberkenfig and District Women's Institute member Marian Edwards entered four pieces of work into the competitions and won first prize for her 'family sampler' in class-6 and second for a 'scene in water-colours'.

**THE Sarn and Bryncethin Community Association has thanked all who attended the charity concert held to support the First Responders, who assist the ambulance service in emergency situations.**

Special thanks went to Huw Irranca-Davies MP, Bridgend CBC councillor Gary Thomas (Bryncethin ward) and St Bride's Minor Community Councillor Shirley Dodds, who even though in not good health, made an effort to support the volunteers who organised this event.

Also six first responders, including their leader, Brian Davies.

It was disappointing that councillors in the St Bride's Minor area both CBC and community were unavailable to attend the concert which had been organised by volunteers from their area.

These volunteers also maintain the Sarn Life Long Learning Centre.

No wonder there is apathy within the community at large, when their elected representatives show no enthusiasm to help in events that support the community.

The concert was a great success, with an outstanding choir in the Ogmere Valley male voice, who clearly enjoy performing at these charity fund-raising events.

Their musical director, Eira Paskin, had the audience joining in the choruses, and sopranos Catrin Eleri Jenkin and Rhian Hughes were soloists during the evening.

I have seen and heard Rhian Hughes, a young soprano still attending school, at various concerts. This talented young lady is a versatile performer. Not only does she play a number of musical instruments, but is a member of Maesteg Children's choir, also Maesteg Amateur operatic society, and is a soloist with Maesteg Noteworthy mixed voice choir.

I am pleased to report that the association was able to present a cheque for £305 to Brian Davies.

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## NEWS FROM NEWTON WI BRANCH

**T**HE September meeting took place in our new home at Gilgal Church Hall, Woodland Avenue, and the first thing discussed was past trips and events, including the trips to Bishopston and Mumbles, Oystermouth, and Windsor.

The speaker was Mr Phillip Davies, who gave us a hilarious

talk on the subject of weird wills. The evening ended with a birthday cake and a toast to Joannie, on her 80th birthday.

The new WI show held on August 29, in the Community Centre in North Cornelly was a great success.

It was a very well attended, with a large number of entries all of a very high standard.

Newton WI was proud to be presented with the silver salver for the most competitive points.

## Hilarious start to new meeting venue

The next luncheon club will be held on October 14, in Fairways Hotel, Porthcawl.

The council meeting will be held on October 26, in Barry, from 11am-3.30pm.

The Christmas fayre is on November 13, at Trinity Church.

Anyone interested in hearing more about the WI, can contact Pearl on 01656 782556, or Judy on 01656 785471.

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# South Wales Police hand out awards

**THE South Wales Police hosted their fourth annual awards ceremony at City Hall in Cardiff on September 2, when 16 awards were given out, including police officer of the year, operational team of the year, leadership award, and the lifetime achievement award.**

This year's bravery award was dedicated to Lance Corporal Dane Elson of the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards, who died on July 5, while serving in Afghanistan.

His father, Stuart Elson, is a serving police constable in the Barry area. The last post was played and a minute silence was held in honour of Dane.

Cardiff-based Police Constable Miriam Purple was the winner of the prestigious Bravery Award, after putting herself in personal danger, while off-duty, to keep passengers safe on a Cardiff bus when two individuals were behaving abusively.

Miriam's actions to apprehend the criminals resulted in personal injury, but her persistent courage meant both individuals were arrested, convicted and later imprisoned.

Chief Constable Barbara Wilding said: "This will be my last awards ceremony as Chief Constable of South Wales Police, and it is truly encouraging to know that I am leaving the people of south Wales in the safe hands of so many dedicated police officers and staff."

**Other winners included:**

## **SPECIAL CONSTABLE OF THE YEAR**

(Deputy Commandant)

**Jonathon Edwards, Roads Policing Unit, who has completed 12 years service with South Wales Police, the last three of which have been served with the Roads Policing Unit.**

After finishing a standard response driving course, Jonathon is the only special constable in the force who has been given the responsibility to patrol on his own in a police vehicle.

A number of appreciation letters have been sent from the public thanking Jonathon for his work in Bridgend during Operation Plato, an initiative to target speeding motorists.

## **PROBLEM ORIENTATED PARTNERSHIP AWARD**

**PCSO Rachael Bargery and PCSO Karl Smith of the Caerau Neighbourhood Policing Team, Bridgend county borough.**

PCSO Bargery and PCSO Smith's work to reduce antisocial behaviour in a residential development in Caerau dramatically improved the quality of life for residents in the area.

They worked with the Safer Bridgend Community Safety Partnership, the local authority, and the community to gather intelligence, and eventually resolved to block a

walkway that had been a meeting hotspot for antisocial behaviour.

Speaking of the PCSOs' efforts, resident Ian Williams said: "Things have improved drastically around here since the wall and garage door were put up."

"The police were marvellous and worked hard."

## **LEADERSHIP AWARD**

**DC PAUL WEBB of the Hi Tech Crime Unit.**

Since taking on the role of acting sergeant within the Hi Tech Crime Unit, Acting DS Paul Webb made a dramatic difference to the performance of a department that was previously feeling overwhelmed.

His improvements to work procedures reduced a large backlog of work in just eight months, but he is also recognised for his efforts in helping staff achieve their full potential through training opportunities.

## **LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT (Award sponsored by Dolmans Solicitors, the Learning and Development Services):**

The team, based at Headquarters, enjoyed a series of successes in 2008.

Other accolades include the department gaining Skillsmark Recognition status, only the fourth UK Police Force to do so, the Queen's Award for Innovation in Training, and a customer satisfaction rating above 99 per cent.

## **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT**

**Police staff award sponsored by G4S Police Support Services.**

Martin Chick, principal analyst for the corporate information and technology department, headquarters.

Martin's career spans 29 years, and during this time he has been at the forefront of technological developments.

His creation of a warrants system is now used nationally by 18 other police forces in Wales and England, including Metropolitan Police. He is a great mentor for younger staff members and is highly respected by all.

## **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT**

**Police officer award (sponsored by G4S Police Support Services).**

Police Sergeant Gwynfor Lloyd, Caerau and Maesteg Neighbourhood Policing Teams, Bridgend borough has been an absolute inspiration to colleagues of all ranks during his 30 years' service.

He has devoted his career to front-line operational policing, most of which he has served in his hometown Maesteg.

As a community sergeant, Gwynfor was central to implementing the neighbourhood policing model in the area, and is held in high regard by residents.

# Veterans (and families) meet Armed Forces minister in Porthcawl



**ABOVE: The veterans assemble for the meeting. (Photographs by Keith E Morgan).**



**ON August 27, the Armed Forces minister, Bill Rammell MP, travelled from London to Trinity Church in Porthcawl to meet local veterans, their families and veterans' organisations.**

He was introduced by Madeleine Moon MP to the packed church hall of more than 60 veterans, stating that he had strong links with south Wales from his time at Cardiff University.

Mr Rammell began by thanking all the veterans for

their sacrifices, hard work and commitment to our country, commenting that there are 4.5 million in Britain, and that one in six of the population was a veteran.

He said that a command paper was currently examining the needs encountered by the transition from the Services, to offer support and recognition for veterans.

There was cross government effort to improve access for veterans to health, jobs and public sector housing and with free access to further education.

The Minister also stated that compensation payouts had been increased for those injured in

armed conflict to £570,000 and that the issue of mental health when leaving the military would be prioritised.

On Afghanistan, he stated that the last few months had been "very challenging" and British troops have taken a heavy toll.

He said that, "People are always asking why we are there and what it is about. We must remember back to 2001 when the Taliban were in control and terrorists were being trained in Afghanistan."

The Minister reminded the audience that we were fighting those who opposed our values and that the Taliban and Al

Qaeda have attacked military and civilian targets, including executing teachers who taught girls in their schools.

Mrs Moon, MP for Bridgend, commented: "I am grateful that the Minister found time in his busy schedule to come to Bridgend to talk to our veterans."

"Since joining the Defence Select Committee I have talked to Bill many times and always found him open and frank about the difficulties we are facing and the solutions being implemented."

Raffle proceeds were donated to the 'Help for Heroes' campaign.

# Breathe Easy Bridgend calls for members

**BREATHE EASY Bridgend, a local support group for people with any type of lung condition, is looking for new members to come along to its monthly meetings at the Community Centre, Coity Mawr.**

The friendly group has been up and running for a number of years, providing a regular opportunity for people with lung disease, their family and carers, to get together to listen to guest speakers and share tips

about living with lung disease.

Every meeting provides an opportunity for a chat and a cup of tea, as well as the chance to hear from an interesting guest speaker, such as a pharmacist or local historian.

Since it has been up and running, the group has also raised money to help both local respiratory projects and the work of the British Lung Foundation in Wales.

Respiratory nurse Cath Stracy supports the group and feels that it makes a positive difference in the lives of members:

"The group is very friendly and made up of people with different breathing problems. Many members have grown to feel a lot better about their condition through meeting with others who understand what challenges they are facing," she said.

Chairman of Breathe Easy Bridgend, Heather Day, commented: "Breathe Easy gives me the chance to talk to people who know what it is like living with a lung condition."

"It's great to spend time with people who know how I feel. Members give good advice and

tips on ways of coping that I've found really useful. The group is really sociable and helps us to get away from our worries about having lung troubles. Meetings certainly don't dwell on the negative side of having a lung condition."

The group will next meet on September 15, between 2pm-4pm, at the Community Centre, Coity Mawr, Bridgend.

Anyone interested in joining is welcome to attend the next meeting. For more information, telephone the BLF Wales office on 01792 455764 or email [wales@blf-uk.org](mailto:wales@blf-uk.org).

# Bridgend drivers get a blind lesson at Llandow

**MEMBERS of the public took part in a driving exercise at Llandow Circuit last weekend, with support from BSM driving instructors, when they took the wheel, quite literally, blindfolded.**

Vale AM Jane Hutt joined the volunteers and took part in the exercise with driving instructor Keith Gallimore.

She commented: "Meeting Andrea Gordon, policy manager of Guide Dogs for the Blind, was inspiring as she told me about their work to support blind and visually impaired people by training dogs for their important role."

"Blindfolded at the wheel of a car, I began to realise what it must be like to be blind and how important it is to trust those dogs who provide support and guidance, including Guide Dogs."

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<b>YMCA Bridgend</b>		
Art	Friday	10am-12pm

<b>Tabernacle Church, Brackla</b>		
Jewellery Making	Wednesday	1.00-3.00pm

**Sign Language, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and Flower Arranging will start later in the year.**

To enrol in a class, just turn up to the first session.

**Contact 02920 382431 or Kim Vidal on 07735 603625 or E-Mail: [c.franks@swales.wea.org.uk](mailto:c.franks@swales.wea.org.uk)**



# DYLAN THOMAS' CHARABANC TRIP – SWANSEA TO PORTHCAWL 1958 STYLE!



*The civic party with the Dylan Thomas Charabanc trip group at the Seabank Hotel, Porthcawl.*

by **KEITH E MORGAN**

**F**OR their annual summer outing this year, the Dylan Thomas Society of Great Britain, based in Swansea (where else? Dylan was born there!), decided to replicate the events of the Welsh poet's hilarious short story called 'A Story'.

For anyone not familiar with Dylan's works, 'The Story' was first published in 1953 and relates how a group of men and one boy embark on a charabanc trip with the intention of travelling from Swansea to Porthcawl and back.

Alas, they never made it to Porthcawl, as they consistently broke their journey by calling at various public houses on route. Incidentally, the boy was taken on the outing under duress and was never allowed inside any of the pubs!

The society was not able to muster up an actual charabanc for the outing, but thanks to the good services of the South Wales Transport Preservation Group, suitable transportation was made available for the big day.

The express coach provided by this organisation was built in 1958 and belonged to the Red & White Services fleet, which had bases at both Chepstow and Cheltenham.

From these locations, the coach would have operated in the south-east Wales area, the Forest of Dean and Herefordshire, as well as providing an express service between south Wales and London Victoria Coach Station.

Built on a Bristol chassis with a Gardner engine, coach registration number SWO 986 was capable of a sustained top speed of about 50 mph.

It is the only survivor of 29 similar vehicles and of the Red & White organisation, which was taken over and passed into history when it was amalgamated into another company in 1978.

Nevertheless, this coach, still sporting its original Red & White Services fleet colours and logo, was a magnificent sight as it transported the members of the Dylan Thomas Society on their charabanc trip to Porthcawl.

Starting with a pick-up of members at Mumbles, the 'charabanc' went on to collect the 'posh' contingent at Sketty and the remainder of the Dylan Thomas party at St James' Church in Uplands, not far from the poet's birthplace in Cwmdonkin, before continuing with its journey.

Where possible, the coach followed the old A48 route that Dylan's charabanc in 'The Story' would have taken in its abortive effort to reach Porthcawl.

On this occasion, there was no stopping at public houses along the way and the coach arrived safe and sound and on time at its destination, the Seabank Hotel, Porthcawl.

Here it was given a civic reception by Coun Mary Emmet-Lewis, the deputy mayor of Porthcawl, accompanied by her consort Robert Lewis and the president of Porthcawl & District Chamber of Commerce and Trade, Lord Kenfig, Lindsay Morgan.

Following the group photograph of the contingent and coach outside the Seabank Hotel to record the event for posterity, the civic group, as honoured guests, joined the members of the Dylan Thomas Society to a sumptuous luncheon befitting the occasion in the hotel.

On behalf of Porthcawl Town Council, the deputy mayor, Coun Mary Emmet-Lewis, gave a warm welcome to John Rhys Thomas, chairman of the Dylan Thomas Society of Great Britain, and to the members of the visiting charabanc party.

She emphasised the delights that Porthcawl had to offer, especially the weather, which was exceptionally kind on this occasion, and hoped that the Dylan Thomas Society would consider making their charabanc trip an annual event.

John Rhys Thomas acknowledged the welcome

**RIGHT:**  
*Our cheerful driver, Peter Nedding. Peter used to drive the United Welsh buses in the early days and still continues to drive for the 'First' transport company.*



and began the after-lunch entertainment by introducing Mrs Eleanor McLeod, who gave a very interesting talk on fashions in the 1940s.

The members of the society had been encouraged to enter the spirit of the occasion and dress up in period costumes for the trip.

Following the talk, the deputy mayor was asked to judge the costume designs that had been created for the occasion. A difficult task, with the prize of a bottle of wine eventually being shared after three tie breakers.

Once the excitement had settled down, Ken Thomas held the audience spellbound while he read with gusto through Dylan Thomas' work – 'The Story' or as it is commonly known, 'The Outing'. With no time to relax, the audience was thrown into community singing, led by Melissa Moore and Tom McLeod, accompanied by Ann Nicholas on the electronic keyboard.

This was followed by a heart-rending version of 'Lili Marlene' sung in succession by four different Lilis – Dreena Morgan-Harvey, Pam Hopkins, Kathryn Craner and Menna Trussler.

Not to be outdone, Norma Thomas and Melissa Moore concluded the afternoon's entertainment with respective tear-jerking versions of Vera Lynn's 'We'll meet again' and 'There'll be Bluebirds over the White Cliffs of Dover'.

In wishing the Dylan Thomas Society members a 'bon voyage' home to Swansea in their 'charabanc', Lord Kenfig said how much he had enjoyed the occasion and thanked the management and staff at the Seabank Hotel for 'pulling out all the stops to make it the success that it had been'.

He also endorsed what the deputy mayor had said in hoping that the charabanc trip to Porthcawl would become an annual event.



*A typical charabanc at Porthcawl in the early days of the holiday resort.*



*Mrs. Eleanor McLeod gave a very interesting talk on fashions in the 1940s.*



*First pick-up at Mumbles.*



*LEFT: The 1958 Red & White 'Charabanc' all spruced-up and ready to go.*

*ABOVE: The Dylan Thomas group at St. James' Church.*



*LEFT: In the garage waiting for the 'Off'.*

*ABOVE: The 'posh set' at Sketty waiting their turn to alight the coach.*



# 1970s reunion night just might be the 'last waltz'

**THE fourth annual Knights Arms reunion in Porthcawl hopes to give a financial boost to two local organisations – Porthcawl Lifeguards and the local coastguards – but it could be the last one.**

The event, in the Grand Pavilion on September 19, has been organised by the family of Ken Evans,

who was the landlord of the Knights Arms in Porthcawl during the 1970s – and has become a magnet for anyone who was growing up in the town in those days.

Ken told The GEM: "I am still amazed at how the event has grown."

"When we organised the first one, we only expected a limited response, but when we opened our web page, we started getting e-mails by the bucket-load."

The first reunion night was at the Seabank Hotel, but

the response meant that in following years, it was held in the Grand Pavilion.

Ken recalled: "People really enjoyed meeting up again after 20-30 years."

"We thought that the numbers would drop off but here we are, back again for the fourth time."

The format will be similar to last year, with electric bands playing all evening in the main hall, while a series of acoustic performers will entertain downstairs in the Stage Door.

Ken said: "Top of the bill will be a Jimi Hendrix tribute band, while Mark Jones' band, the Guzzards, will be playing again."

"I'm hoping that his sister Ruth will come along – if she can get off work. She is real famous now."

The acoustic acts downstairs have traditionally featured performers who sang in the Knights in the 1970s.

However, one departure this year will see two young singers, Georgia Thomas, a recent Bridgend Youth Theatre graduate, and Charlie Piercey reduce the average age of the performers by about 10 years. Georgia last sang in the Pavilion in the youth theatre's production of the Broadway musical *Damn Yankees*.

However, for this show she and Charlie will be singing classics by Joni Mitchell, Buffalo Springfield and Crosby Stills, Nash and Young.

The Knights Arms reunions have brought back many memories for Ken and he revealed: "I was recently approached by a former policeman who claimed that he had been an undercover officer in the 1970s."

"He said that he always enjoyed the Knights Arms juke box, and said that he

was disappointed not to get an invite!"

"So this year, I have decided to put on a special table for the boys in blue – but they will have to pay for their tickets!"

Ken added that there was a sad side to the reunion.

He said:

"We have been unlucky to lose some old rockers from those days to the dreaded reaper, including my brother Ray, Dai Viking, and Robert Evans."

"Watch out lads, they want one more for a game of cards."

Ken thinks that this could be the last reunion, so he wants to go out with a bang.

He appealed: "If any of you have lost mates or loved ones, send or bring along a post card with the details."

"Then, when we finish the night with our anthem, the 17-minute version of 'Freebird' by Lynyrd Skynyrd, we can join together and raise the roof off!"

Ken concluded with a quote inspired by that epic rock classic:

"For I must be traveling on now, Nothing will ever be the same."

Tickets (priced £8) are available from the Grand Pavilion box office on 01656 815995.

## Exhibition is cause for a double celebration!



Jenny and Graham Cross of Nottage, Porthcawl, have two reasons to celebrate: The couple are marking their 50th wedding anniversary with an exhibition at the Silures Art Gallery, South Road, Porthcawl, where Graham (a member), is showing work entitled 'Images of Porthcawl'. They were congratulated on both the anniversary and the artwork by the Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun Rosemary Deere, and her consort, Coun David Deere. Jenny and Graham first met at the Cardiff City Hall at a Saturday 'hop dance'. They married at Llanishen Parish Church, Cardiff, on September 5, 1959, two days before Jenny's 21st birthday. Photograph by KEITH E MORGAN.

## Who wants to build what and where?

Mr G Mathews – 27 Park Avenue, Porthcawl – proposed single storey extension to rear of dwelling.

Mr N Leese – The Globe Inn, 2 Bridgend Road, Porthcawl – refurbishment of three bedrooms to create guest and construction of external staircase.

Funky Jewellery – 14 Ogwy Street, Nantymoel, Bridgend – fixing of shutter to cover shop front.

Mr R James – 37 Swn yr Afon, Kenfig Hill, Bridgend – proposed sun lounge to side of property.

Mrs P Walters – 42 Heol y Groes, Litchard, Bridgend – single storey extension to rear of property.

Mr GE Morgan – 5 Vernon Road, Porthcawl – Edwardian 'L'-shaped conservatory to rear.

Mr K Bennetti – 69 Woodland Avenue, Pencoed – conservatory to side/rear of property.

Bocam Park Ltd – land at Bocam Park, Pencoed – 4/5 star grade hotel and conference centre with associated lake, including access details and all other matters reserved.

Mr D Castle – 21 Philadelphia Road, Porthcawl – proposed single storey extension to side and rear of dwelling.

Mr C Richards – 14 The Dell, Laleston, Bridgend – front and rear dormer extensions to existing dormer bungalow.

Mr J Walters – 1A Coenagant Road, Maesteg – change of use from hair-dressing salon to estate agents office.

Mrs V Dalton – land at Ton Phillip Farm, Ffordd y Gyfraith, Bridgend – landfill operation to facilitate approved development (fun farm) Phase 2A and 2B.

Mr R Edwards – 39 Heol Las, North Cornelly – single storey extension to side and rear of property.

Mr JB Wetheridge – 27 Glynstell Road, Porthcawl – single storey

extension to rear/south elevation, extend existing dormer to front and new dormer to rear.

Mr J Richards – 3 North Road, Ogmere Vale, Bridgend – rear extension.

Messrs Lane & Batten – 49 Angel Way, North Cornelly – demolish existing conservatory and rebuild to side and rear.

Cliffedge Properties LLP – land off South Road, Porthcawl – construction of a care home and associated works (outline application).

Bellway Homes South Wales – plots at Marlas Farm site, North Cornelly – plot substitution to provide 23 residential units in the location of plots 143-162, 185 and 186 and plot 187.

Bellway Homes Wales – land at Chelsea Avenue, Cefn Glas, Bridgend – redevelopment of site for erection of 116 new dwellings to be carried out over a phasing programme.

Mr Steve Maloney – 3 Stratford Drive, Porthcawl – bay window to front and single storey extension.

Barratt Homes Limited – land adjacent Cwm Ogwr Fach and Ebenezer Court, Blackmill, Bridgend – mixed use development comprising 43 residential units, work units and enterprise centre.

Mr G Edwards – 14 Heol y Parc, Evanstown, Gilfach Goch – detached garage and hardstand.

Mr Lee Powell – Coed y Gaer Nursery, Hendre, Pencoed – replace mobile home with dwelling.

Mrs S Holmes – land adjacent 40 Meadow Close, Coychurch, Bridgend – construct two bed dwelling – re-sub of P/09/351/FUL.

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# Stepping out in style at the gambo race

THE chief organiser of the annual charity gambo race in Pyle and Cornelly, Lopper Wilson, told The GEM afterwards that it had been a "great success".

He said: "The costumes and gambos were of a very high standard, and the judges had a hard time picking a winner."

"Eventually, to the delight of the landlady Denise Hampton, the Cornelly Arms circus entry was declared the winner."

"The charity committee would like to thank everyone who contributed, and the hundreds of spectators who braved the poor weather!"



ABOVE:

The winning entry from the Cornelly Arms.

LEFT: Some 1920s flappers ready to collect cash for the charity.

Photographs by David King and Douglas Wilson.  
(See next week's GEM for more).



ABOVE: 'We've struck oil!'



ABOVE:

Noddy and Big Ears on a visit from Toytown.

## Merchant Navy branch highlights convoy article

THE Merchant Navy Association (Barry branch) has contacted The GEM to thank us for publishing Dr Jonathan Hicks' article about the Convoys of World War Two last week.

The young sailor in Dr Hicks' story, Peter Bayon, now 82, lives in Cowbridge. The 'Gripfast', his ship, was a small collier, just over 1,000 tons.

She left Barry, with coal, on July 7, 1942, in the eastbound coastal convoy WP-183, escorted by the destroyer Brocklesby.

It was in Lyme Bay between Dartmouth and Portland when the 2nd S-Flotilla with seven E-boats attacked shortly after midnight on July 9, 1942.

Four ships were sunk in that attack but, as Peter says, it was a bomber which sank 'Gripfast' some hours later.

Dr Hicks chose a year that will live in the memory of all who took part in the Battle of the Atlantic.

In that one year alone, 1,107 Merchant ships were lost in - that is three ships lost on every single day in 1942!

With an average of at least 40 men in a crew it means that, in one year, 50,000 seamen were on a ship that was sunk.

These facts help us to understand how Barry came to lose a greater proportion of its seamen than any other port and how Mrs. Stiff, of 75 Thompson Street, could lose three sons - 16, 19 and 21, in the space of 16 months.

Winston Churchill certainly understood: "The only thing that really frightened me during the World War Two was the U-boat peril. The Battle of the Atlantic was the dominating factor all through the war. Never for one moment could we forget that everything happening elsewhere, on land at sea or in the air depended on its outcome."

In times past, the Lutine Bell at Lloyds was rung whenever a ship was overdue. In 1942, the bell would have been ringing day and night.

People often ask: "Which service suffered the greatest proportion of casualties in the last world war?"

Most people would say, the Royal Air Force; either 'The Few' - or possibly Bomber Command? They would be wrong!

One service lost one man in three of all who took part. There were 24,000 deaths inflicted on those serving in the Merchant Navy and most were on the Atlantic convoys. Those men kept Britain fed and ensured our survival.

It was not a competition, of course; thousands of men were lost in the air, on land and at sea and thousands of families were bereaved.

We can sometimes show our respect as we watch the young soldiers, naval sailors and airmen as they march past and some relief can be found if there is a white cross where a flower can be laid.

For Mrs Stiff, and thousands of British mothers, there was nowhere she could mourn or lay a flower.

DAVID SIMPSON

## THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT, 1990

NOTICE is hereby given that application has been made to the Council for planning permission for the undermentioned developments:

### Development in Conservation Areas

Application No:	2009/00844/FUL
Proposal:	Erection of free standing, single storey, timber framed, glazed conservatory
Location:	Stallcourt House, Stallcourt Close, Llanblethian
Conservation Area:	Cowbridge with Llanblethian
Application No:	2009/00870/FUL
Proposal:	To replace 1st floor conservatory with same as existing
Location:	4, Heol Y Gaeaf, The Knap, Barry
Conservation Area:	Barry (Marine)
Application No:	2009/00880/FUL
Proposal:	Two storey extension to rear of property and conservatory
Location:	Littlewood Cottage, Wick Road, St. Brides Major
Conservation Area:	St. Brides Major
Application No:	2009/00886/FUL
Proposal:	First floor extension above existing single storey side extension
Location:	1, Maes y Felin, Llandow, Cowbridge
Conservation Area:	Llandow

### Listed Building Consent

Application No:	2009/00878/LBC
Proposal:	Proposed conversion to 16 no. flats and conversion of workshop to a retail shop in basement
Location:	Custom House, 41, Dock View Road, Barry
Listed Building:	Grade II

### Development that might affect the setting of a Listed Building

Application No:	2009/00879/FUL
Proposal:	Proposed conversion to 16 new flats at Custom House, 41 Dock View Road, Barry, and conversion of workshop to a retail shop in basement
Location:	Custom House, 41 Dock View Road, Barry
Listed Building:	Affecting Former Customs House and Mercantile Marine Office, Station Street, Grade II

Full details (including plans) may be inspected during normal working hours for a period of 21 days in the offices of the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below, or via the Council's Online Applications Register at [vog.planning-register.co.uk](http://vog.planning-register.co.uk).

## TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER, 1995

### Application(s) that may be of General Public Interest

Application No:	2009/00879/FUL
Proposal:	Proposed conversion to 16 new flats at Custom House, 41 Dock View Road, Barry, and conversion of workshop to a retail shop in basement
Location:	Custom House, 41 Dock View Road, Barry
Application No:	2009/00898/OUT
Proposal:	Construction of a 12,000 bird free range egg production unit
Location:	Tyn-y-Caeau Farm, Sutton Road, Llandow

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**KENFIG HILL RUGBY ROUND-UP****Firsts start new season with win over Sisters****Kenfig Hill Firsts v Seven Sisters**

**LAST season's strugglers Seven Sisters opened this game with a bang when they went 10 points up in 10 minutes through a try by centre Antony Llewellyn, converted by outside half Kyle Davies, followed by a penalty.**

This did not faze the Mules and they hit back with a try from the base of the scrum close to the line by open-side flanker Gavin Anson, converted by outside half Gareth Lewis.

Livewire scrum half Tom Briggs then finished off a quick passing movement by the Kenfig Hill backs to score a try. Lewis atoned for missing the conversion by soon putting over a difficult penalty kick.

This gave a half time score of Kenfig Hill 15 Seven Sisters 10. Kenfig Hill opened the scoring in the second half with a fine individual try by Lewis, which he also converted.

Sisters then exerted considerable pressure on the Mules but their defence was resolute, with second row Gareth Raikes putting in some sterling work close to the line.

Sisters did put over a late penalty through Davies but, despite some close calls, they could not get a fourth try for a bonus point.

**Final Score Kenfig Hill 22 Seven Sisters 13.**

For Kenfig Hill, winger Mark Astley gave a man of the match performance, while Gavin Anson had an outstanding game at wing

forward. The Mules front row of Gavin Reffell, Scott Waller and Lewis David gave a good performance, as did second row forward Gareth Russell, and scrum half Tom Briggs, in his first season out of youth rugby, looks a fine prospect.

**AWAY WIN FOR RESERVES**

**Heol-y-Cyw 2nds 19 : 31 Kenfig Hill 2nds**

The seconds started the season where the left off last year, with a hard fought win away at Heol-y-Cyw. The forwards had to be at their best to give the platform for Kenfig Hill's slick backline, where Alun Brace and Marc Fitzgerald always threatened to break Heol-y-Cyw's stubborn defence.

However, the man of the match performance went to second row Scot Richards who never shirked a tackle and was a willing ball carrier for the full 80 minutes.

Scorers: Tries – Marc Fitzgerald (two); Dickie Panniers; Dai Dent; Dan Shaddis. Conversions – Alun Brace (three).

**GOOD START FOR YOUTH**

**Morrison Youth 9 : 13 Kenfig Hill/Cornelly Youth**

This was an excellent all round team performance by the Youth in their first game in the Ospreys Division B division.

Well done to Josh Davies who gave a polished performance in his new role as scrum half.

Scorers: Gareth Harvey (try); John Matthews (con); Josh Davies (pen); Shaun Burnell (drop goal).

Kenfig Hill/Cornelly Youth have made a good start to the season, defeating Taibach away in a

friendly; they also retained the Daniel Dennis Memorial Cup in a game against a combined Cefn, Pyle and Porthcawl Youth team.

They also reached the semi-final of the Idwal Mort Sevens and were beaten finalists in the Mark Clarke Memorial Sevens.

**UNDER-8s**

Kenfig Hill under-8s opening day of the season was an unscheduled away trip to Neath Athletic that ended all-square at four tries a piece.

Strong running Harry Cooper, Jack Davies, Mark Underhill and Oliver Pinches bagged a try each. Luke Tozer and Oliver Roberts carried the ball impressively on their debuts.

Connor John ran tirelessly, hounding the opposition throughout the game.

The young Mules then took on Nantyffyllon. An end-to-end first half shared eight tries, with captain Rhys Perry scoring after trademark support play.

Superb defence by Jack Davies and the ever-improving Ewan Davis turned Nantyffyllon over twice in the second half, with a classy counter-attacking score for Oliver Pinches.

The Underhill twins picked up two tries each, Mark finishing one with a lovely side-step and Alex with an impressive turn of pace.

Direct running from Jack Davies and Harry Cooper meant a deserved eight-six victory for Kenfig Hill.

Special mention goes out to Ben Evans, who suffered a broken arm just prior to the match. Your team mates wish you well and look forward to your return.

**G O'S****Porthcawl under-15s start season in style**

**PORTHCAWL under-15s welcomed Felinfoel and, as both side fielded district level players, they were eager to express themselves.**

Felinfoel came to run the ball at every opportunity but found the Porthcawl defence resolute and quick to open up the game.

Porthcawl's confidence grew when Josh White opened up from inside his own 22 to cut through tacklers and score a fine try.

Ben Smith crashed over with a defender on his back to score wide out, and Tom Bluck's elusive running brought about a well-deserved try.

Lloyd Rosser's blistering pace was too hot to handle and he scored a fine individual try.

Felinfoel responded with a fine try of their own, but the writing was on the wall as Porthcawl hit back with Huw Mitchell's deft kick into the visitors' 22, to

allow Tom Bluck to score his second try.

With the coaches making squad changes for the second half, the momentum was kept up as further tries by Dan Evans and the ever-present pairing of Evan Williams and Jack Taylor, one try each, ended a fast, furious and fiery encounter.

Josh White converted three and so did Huw Mitchell to round off a good season opener for the impressive Porthcawl squad. With eight tries scored, the side mixed play astutely – forwards dominated at crucial times while the backs opened up with vision and pace.

There were seven different try scorers for the home side but all the squad were impressive on the day. Competition for places is keen and Osprey Cup places will have to be earned.

**Final score: Porthcawl 52 - 5 Felinfoel**

Gareth Rees is still receiving treatment for his injury he sustained at the end of last season, while playing for Bridgend County. He is a quality player who will be a big asset to the side when he returns fully fit.

Congratulations to the following on gaining places in the Dewar Shield Bridgend District under-15 squad for season 2009/10: Michael Rawns, Lloyd Rosser-Stanford, Tom Bluck, Tom Matthews, Connor Rees, Josh White, James Baynam, Jack Williams, Ben Smith, Owen Wright, Jack Taylor.

Also to Geraint Watkins, Evan Williams and Emyr Wyle for gaining places in the Pontypridd Dewar Shield squad, plus Huw Mitchell, who will play for Swansea Valley Schools under-15s Dewar Shield squad.

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## MAN IN 'CRITICAL' CONDITION AFTER CAR CRASHES INTO WALL IN BRIDGEND

BRIDGEND police are appealing for witnesses to a road traffic collision which took place in the early hours of Saturday morning, September 5, and left a man in hospital in a critical condition.

The incident took place at 4.40am in Park Street in the town.

A police spokesman said: "One vehicle was involved, a gold Fiat Punto, which is believed to have been travelling in the direction of the town centre when it collided with the front garden wall of a house."

"The vehicle contained two local men aged 21 and 22. One is in a serious condition at the Princess of Wales Hospital in Bridgend, the other is in a critical condition at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff."

The road was closed for a number of hours while a forensic examination was conducted of the scene.

The spokesman added: "Anyone who witnessed the collision, or the driving of the Fiat Punto beforehand, is asked to contact the Roads Policing Unit on (01656) 869 332 or 101. Alternatively, witnesses can call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."

## Council takes another look at meals on wheels

BRIDGEND County Borough Council has instituted a review of its Meals on Wheels service.

The review gets underway this month and will end in December. Staff and unions will be involved in the process.

All customers receiving meals will have their individual circumstances reviewed as part of the process.

A full report will be presented to the Health and Well Being Scrutiny Committee following the review and before cabinet

makes any decision.

It was the future of the Meals on Wheels service which provoked a row between the ruling Rainbow Alliance administration and Labour, prior to the 2008 elections, which accused it of trying to scrap the service.

The issue was a hot topic during the election which saw Labour sweep back into power, winning back a number of the seats it had lost at the previous elections.

A £100,000 saving on meals on wheels had been programmed into the 2008-09 bud-

et was never achieved because the service remained as it was.

Any attempt by Labour to now scrap or reduce the service to save money is sure to provoke another mega row in council.

However, at the moment, Adult Social Care is heading for a £1.3m overspend in the current financial year because of increasing demand for services.

The cabinet has already agreed to closely monitor all adult social care expenditure in a bid to reduce the overspend.

## Young Athletic squad does the club proud

A YOUNG Bridgend Athletic squad represented the club in the senior Bank Holiday Sevens tournament, held at Aberavon Green Stars recently.

In their first game, they played a strong Pontypool team, coming out winners by 21 - 12.

Their second game - against the eventual finalists Aberavon -

saw the game go down to the last kick, with Aberavon coming out on top 17 - 15.

Then, with no substitutes to call on, the tired Ath players were unable to beat the eventual winners Tonmawr.

The players who took part and were a credit to the club were: Mathew Hillman, Ben Howe, Tom Morgan, James Olds, Craig Baker, Chris Harris and Levi Jenkins.

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## Skate fest this weekend in new-look park

THE Vale Council's youth service is hosting its own mini 'skate fest' this weekend (September 12-13) at the recently refurbished Frampton Lane skate park in Llantwit Major.

The event is being held to publicise plans

for a mobile skate park which, it is hoped, will tour the Vale.

Skaters will be given the chance to offer their views on this by completing questionnaires on the day.

Mobile skate park equipment, provided by Tribal, will be on display and demonstrations will be held between 12-5pm.

There will be a visit from a professional skater. Live music performances and a BBQ will also be on offer.

For more information contact Andrew Borsden, senior youth officer, by emailing [AMBorsden@vale-of-glamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:AMBorsden@vale-of-glamorgan.gov.uk) or calling 02920 701254.

## Antarctic cruise

NOTTAGE WI NEWS

THE September meeting of Nottage WI was held on September 3 in the Unitarian Church Hall Nottage.

The president welcomed the members back after the August break, and the minutes of the last meeting were then read and accepted.

The speakers at the meeting were David and Pat Parry. They gave an illustrated talk on their Antarctic cruise, which included seeing different types of penguins and the size and shapes of icebergs.

In October, we are going to the half yearly council meeting in Barry and in November we are holding our annual birthday dinner.

The next meeting is on Thursday, October 1, at the Unitarian Church Hall, Nottage at 7pm.

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They were very nervous when they first came into the centre, a spokeswoman said, but with lots of TLC they have settled and are now much happier.

"They would like an owner who has owned dogs before, and will give them time to get to know and trust them."

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## DISTRICT 9 IS DEFINITELY WORTH TAKING TIME TO VISIT

**T**HE use of alien life to mirror the travails of minorities is hardly an original concept; after all, *Alien Nation* (both film and TV series) was keen to emphasise the parallels between aliens that had come to live among us and aliens of the human kind.

However, it didn't take it to the extreme that new film, *District 9*, has, setting up a world where aliens who have come to Johannesburg are forced to live in slum-like conditions and treated like second, or even third, class citizens.

When government agent Wikus (Sharlto Copley) is exposed to alien bio-technology with alarming side-effects, it causes changes that mean the stakes are raised not just for Wikus, but also for the aliens.

Let's face it, aliens that come to earth are seemingly only ever here to try and take us over, blow us to smithereens or to invade our bodies; so the set-up of *District 9*, while not completely

original, at least tries a different tack from the raft of other alien films that have popped up over the last 50 years.

The differences are more than just those on the surface, as at its heart, *District 9* goes far deeper than most, developing into a film that pays as much mind to action and special effects as it does social commentary and relevance.

Given the film's setting of Johannesburg, there is more than a hint of subtext regarding apartheid and its effects.

Showing faces of all colours complaining about the aliens living among them in a cordoned-off area has a peculiar effect, with the issues once faced by black people in South Africa now being projected onto another set of individuals.

While the subtext is more than apparent, the film doesn't push the parallels in your face, letting them simmer slowly at the back of your mind as you become enthralled in what is going on.

Beginning with footage of government agents in action dealing with the aliens, we meet Wikus, the key protagonist within the story.

It is a role wonderfully played by Sharlto Copley, a man who has never acted before, yet who carries the weight of the film on his shoulders with little trouble at all.

Copley's inexperience pays huge dividends, as it helps sell the 'reality' of the film. It is a performance that is thoroughly immersive, as he goes from being a single-minded official doing what he has been told is the best thing, to being on the outside looking in, capturing the essence of a man caught up in extraordinary circumstances.

By telling the story through the eyes of Wikus, story strands are revealed almost at the same time he learns about them, a ploy that pays off in spades by maintaining the tension and drama of the film.

Coming from the brain of Neill Blomkamp (who directed the Citroen commercial with the dancing car) it is a film that is indelibly visual yet with narrative weight.

On both directing (this is his feature film debut) and scripting duties, along with Terri Tatchell, Blomkamp delivers both a socially conscious film and action blockbuster

### SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

wrapped in one satisfying whole.

While the opening 20 minutes or so are a touch slow, with the focus mainly on how the aliens have moved into their present homes, and the human-like activities they have become embroiled in, once it kicks into gear it doesn't let up.

Using a mix of documentary-style footage, close-ups, hand-held camera shots and faux-news clips, Blomkamp sets up the story with skill and dedication, while his direction is exceptionally good.

Highlighting why he was first choice to helm videogame adaptation *Halo*, Blomkamp invests a keen eye for visceral action, but also shoots with a large degree of flair and originality; his lust for gore, meanwhile, is no doubt one of the many reasons he has received the patronage of *Lord of the Rings* director Peter Jackson (who produces here).

The film also deserves praise for its superbly subtle use of computer effects; from the alien spaceship that has hovered over the South African capital for more than 20 years, to the aliens themselves, the effects enrich and add to the story.

The sympathy you will feel for the alien known as 'Christopher Johnson' and his young son is a remarkable achievement, conveying so much through the use of effects.

There are issues to be had; the cutting from fake 'documentary' to normal jars ever so slightly, while Copley aside, the performances should come with a tin of Ronseal.

However, *District 9* is a film that is nothing short of magnificent, with a conclusion that tugs ever so slightly at the heart, and heralds Neill Blomkamp as a director to watch.

**VERDICT** - Engrossingly enjoyable, *District 9* is a wonderful mix of brains and brawn, with added resonance given its location and story.

A superb lead turn from Sharlto Copley and excellent direction from Neill Blomkamp make this more than just a sci-fi blockbuster - there is a deep intelligence lying within. *Highly recommended.*

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Bridgend has changed considerably over the years, but all the regeneration work is now complete

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and local residents are left with a town centre which has been freed from traffic, and which has been repaved and boasts new street furniture and lots of flowers.

Many of its fine old buildings have been restored to a high standard thanks to the Heritage Lottery Fund. More properties are due to be upgraded this year using this fund-

ing.

Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) has worked with traders to make the town as attractive as possible and Bridgend Town Council has also played its part in paying for many of the flowers found in the town.

Bridgend has a compact town centre which is bounded by Cowbridge Road, Tremains Road, the

inner by-pass and the cross valley link.

It also has excellent bus links with a state-of-the-art bus station giving travellers first class facilities.

Within the town, there is a mix of chain stores and multiples on the one hand, and locally-owned businesses on the other.

The town's market is a very popular draw.

Bridgend offers a fine choice of shops selling clothes, shoes, jewellery handbags and accessories, menswear, children's clothing and baby items.

There are a number of pharmacies offering cosmetics, beauty products, and similar items, while some fresh food shops survive, mainly in the market although there are some outside as well.

While the town has the inevitable mix of phone shops, card shops, estate agents and building societies, there are also some lovely little gift shops selling bric a brac and unusual items.

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AS the nights slowly draw in, now is the time that people turn their minds to making sure that they are prepared for the colder weather and that their heating systems are safe for the winter.

There are some basic pieces of advice people should follow to avoid injury in the home.

Don't try and install heating systems – unless you are a properly qualified installer. Make contact with a professional heating engineer or expert who can give you the right advice for your home.

Even if you are buying a new house it is advisable to make sure the system is checked out before you start using it.

There are a number of heating systems that people use and, if you follow the tips provided, it should keep the people in your house safe and warm through the winter.

Solid fuel heating system uses wood or coal. If you are installing a unit don't choose a unit that is too large for your needs.

Select one that is appropriate to the size of the floor space you want to heat.

The unit should be properly positioned according to the manufacturer's specifications for correct clearance.

Make sure it is installed close to a chimney. With electric heating you should bear in mind:

Curtains should not hang over an electric heater.

Electric portable heaters are designed to be used to supplement your main heating source. They are intended for smaller floor spaces.

Units must be properly maintained. Frayed cords and loose plugs can cause fires so get a professional to attend to them.

Never use extension cords to run electric heaters or any major appliance.

Liquid fuel – oil-fired space heaters pose certain hazards which can be avoided.

Fuel must be stored in an approved container/tank.

Regular servicing by a qualified technician is necessary for the efficient and safe operation of your equipment.

Ventilation systems for oil-fuelled units

must be inspected frequently.

With gas fuelled systems the vents must be checked frequently to prevent blockage.

Portable gas heaters should never be installed in poorly ventilated areas.

Deadly carbon monoxide gases may build up in such areas.

A supply of fresh air is essential when operating a gas-fired unit.

Here are some tips that should keep you safe:

- Keep all heaters a safe distance from combustibles.

- Never hang clothing on, or near the heater to dry.

- Never place wet wood on top of a wood stove to dry.

- Keep your wood stored under cover in a dry, vented area.

- Second-hand appliances should be checked by a qualified person before use.

- Develop an emergency escape plan for your family, and practise it regularly.

- In case of fire, get out and stay out!

Keeping your house comfortable and cozy particularly during the winter months is important in any household.

Energy bills are one of the biggest expenses!

Insulating your walls and your loft will reap the biggest energy saving benefits overall, as this is where around half of your heat is lost.

There are also some simple money savers you should get started with.

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Fit an insulating jacket on your boiler –

this helps to prevent heat escaping at the source of its generation, and instead reach the rest of your house as it should do.

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At the end of the heating season the chimney needs to be swept to remove soot and tar deposits, prolonging the life of the flue.

Regular maintenance of appliances has been proven not only to reduce the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning but also to ensure fuel efficiency hence reduction in fuel costs.

All maintenance works need to be carried out by either a registered sweep or a HETAS registered engineer.

Now is the time to make preparations to make sure your house is ready for winter.

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# Homes & Gardens

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Between 10am-6pm the gardens will host an antiques fair, an exhibition by the Vale of Glamorgan artists group and a display of vintage horticultural

equipment. There will also be an unusual plant fair on Sunday - a must for all budding plant collectors.

Having run for more than 10 years, these special open days allow people the opportunity to visit monuments and attractions that they would not necessarily get a chance to visit throughout the rest of the year.

It's estimated that 30,000 sites take part across Europe, with the common aim of

increasing public awareness of the importance of heritage.

Coun Anthony Ernest, the Vale Council cabinet member for leisure and tourism, explained:

"This is an excellent chance to catch up on the ongoing restoration works or to enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the gardens."

The weekend will also mark the start of Dyffryn's winter events programme, with the spectacular 'Light up the Night' beginning on October 23 and running every evening until November 1, and spooky Halloween activities taking place on the night of October 31.

Following the success of last year's event, Dyffryn will be holding a Christmas fayre in the old restaurant of the house on the weekends of December 5, 6, 12 and 13, with Father Christmas dropping by on the last weekend.

This space will also be open during European Heritage weekend, where an exhibition of Dyffryn history can be found.

For more information, contact Dyffryn Gardens on 02920 593328.

## First tree for Transition!



ABOVE:  
Transition Cowbridge is running a community garden scheme at Porth y Green Close to improve the local environment. Steve Gardner and his daughters Hannah and Katie were on hand to plant the first tree!

## WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT AND WHERE..?

Mrs Jill Osbourne - 9 Ash Grove, Barry - proposed single storey extension to provide an office, utility and bedroom.

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Mrs Trigg - 1 Croft Gardens, Sully - renewal of application 2008/00870/TPO. Mr and Mrs C Bowerman - rear of No 1, Dock Street, Cogan, Penarth - change of use from vacant commercial store to office/studio accommodation, including rebuilding of structurally unstable side elevation, as amendment to permission ref 2008/00153/FUL.

Winchester Properties - former Emporium Garden Centre, Fferm Goch, Llangan, Cowbridge - residential development. Seth Hill and Sons Limited - Pantyffynnon Quarry, Bonvilston - first periodic review of interim development order permission - sub-

mission for the determination of new planning conditions. Mr James Davies - Prisk Farm, Prisk - rear conservatory. Mrs Lisa Gates - Cartreglas Farm, Welsh St Donats - erection of garage. Cemex UK Materials Ltd - Wenvoe Quarry, Wenvoe - proposed temporary establishment of a recycled aggregates facility. Dr Robin Corkill - Whitefields Forge, Welsh St Donats - two storey side and front extension.

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## When the Christmas party season comes, enjoy it, but look after your health too

WHEN the Christmas party season arrives, we all want to have fun, but how can we make sure it doesn't have a detrimental effect on our health?

NHS Direct

spokesperson Jacqui Jedrzejewski understands the toll of the party season.

She suggests making a few adjustments to your routine, to see you through those late nights, and early mornings.

*Jacqui's tips*

"Eating at regular

intervals, not skipping breakfast, and getting enough sleep, are good ways to help you maintain your energy levels.

"Choose foods that are digested slowly. Wholegrain rye bread, porridge, pasta, beans, lentils and noodles are good

by SARAH O'MEARA

choices and contain slow-release energy which may help prevent you from feeling lethargic during the day, after the night before."

*Jacqui points out that the foods we turn to when we're hung-over make us feel the worst.*

"Foods that are high in sugar, such as chocolate, cakes, biscuits, and fizzy drinks, might give your body an instant energy rush when you eat and drink them.. but, after the initial rush, your sugar levels will drop, and as they

fall, so will your energy levels.

"As a result, you may find it more difficult to concentrate or you may feel irritable and tired.

"Likewise, drinking too much caffeine, found in tea, coffee, and cola drinks, can leave you feeling anxious, and restless."

None of which is good news for those planning to hit the office Christmas party with a bang.

Jacqui explains that while mince pies might taste nice, they don't contain everything you need to look and feel great.

"There are essential nutrients that your body needs in order to work properly.

Fruit and vegetables are rich in vitamins and minerals so you should eat at least five portions a every day.

"Fats and sugars contain more energy than any other food group and so should make up the smallest part of your diet. Save them for special occasions.

"That way you can enjoy some treats, without the side effects."

Jacqui suggests that exercise will not only burn off those extra party pounds, but keep you in that festive

mood: "If you exercise regularly, you will benefit from the feel-good factor that you get afterwards.

"This is due to a release of a chemical called serotonin within your brain.

Serotonin is your body's way of making you feel happier and less stressed.

"Don't drink too much - heavy drinking plays havoc with people's skin, liver and mental health.

"Who wants to be going to work with that queasy feeling in the stomach and a throbbing head?"

Jacqui warns: "In terms of alcohol,

drinking a moderate amount is unlikely to do you any physical or psychological harm.

"For some people, though, social drinking can lead to heavier drinking, which can cause serious health problems.

"Department of Health guidelines state that men can drink between three and four units of alcohol per day without serious risk to health, and women two to three units.

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## Book your office Christmas party now, and don't miss out on those priceless dance floor moments!

**I**T is just 105 days until Christmas Day and now is the time for your business to start thinking of where you want to go for the office party.

The summer nights are drawing in and it may be the last thing you want to think about, but venues across the Vale are fast filling up, as on-the-ball companies get the best nights and the best deals.

A major reason to book now is that many people want to book a Friday or Saturday night for the office 'do', so they can have a lie in the next day – delay too long and you'll miss out on

those prime evenings of the week.

And do you really want to be faced with a 'make do' restaurant or hotel just because you left it too late? After all, for many people the office party is the only time that they socialise with their work colleagues in the whole year, and let's be honest, it does have its attractions.

The beauty of going out with your work colleagues is that you see some of them in an entirely new light!

If there's a dance floor at your venue, you can bet that the 'shy' girl from accounts is suddenly the first up when the music starts – and is show-

ing some moves that would do Alesha Dixon proud on *Strictly Come Dancing*.

At the opposite end of the scale, there's the manager who, as the evening warms up, suddenly thinks he is John Travolta and decides it would be a crime for the world not to be treated to his 'talents' – a sight not to be missed, but not for the reasons he thinks! Assuming he is no longer in his 20s, it is a fair bet that a few drinks have given him delusions of youth, and he can't do what he used to do!

Come to think of it, if recent press photographs are accurate, John Travolta himself can't

do what he used to do either!

All this talk of social drinking, of course, comes with a serious side that shouldn't be forgotten.

No matter how many inhibitions we shed on the night, we all have to be sensible as well.

So, *The GEM's* advice is this – on the night of the party, **DON'T** drink and drive, and make sure you and any friends who live near you have ordered a taxi well in advance!

## Dressing for the company party – why do women give themselves such a hard time?

**HERE** at The GEM, this year we have dispensed with one staple Christmas party guide feature.

You know the one. It is the one where a female fashion journalist goes on and on talking about what's in this year for the party season.

Sometimes it's all sparkles or spangles.

Sometimes it's ruffs and frills.

Sometimes it's cerise, or taupe, or burgundy. (Heaven forbid that she should suggest red or blue or yellow).

The piece will, of course, be

illustrated with photos of impossibly thin models – smiling on six-inch stilettos, waving cocktails and having a simply fantastic time!

All guaranteed to make the average woman just throw her hands up in despair.

And then, at the end of the piece, you get the same pay off line every year.

It goes something like: *'Don't forget girls. You just can't beat that little black dress!'*

Now, this may be stating the absolute obvious, but men don't experience the same

agony of indecision.

At least not at the company do. We do a bit of agonising when meeting someone for the first time – wondering about making the right impression.

However, we know that at the company do, we are mixing with people who see us day after day – at our best and at our worst.

It's too late to make a first impression.

So, here is The GEM male antidote to Christmas party pressure.

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*To Follow*  
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**December Dinner Menu**  
*Kir Royale and canape reception*  
*To Start*  
Roast vegetable broth, Boxley dumpling  
Pressed ham hock, root vegetable terrine, garden plumb chutney  
Smoked Salmon roulade, crab cucumber salsa  
Crisp panachetta and roast chestnut salad  
Melon, sorbet, berry compote

*To Follow*  
Traditional roast Glamorgan turkey, seasonal accompaniments  
Pan roast supreme of Merthyr Mawr pheasant, spiced red cabbage, damson sauce  
Baked fillet of local cod, Welsh rarebit, creamed leeks  
Char grilled sirloin steak, onion ring, pomme pont neuf, pink peppercorn sauce  
Goat's cheese and plum tomato tart (V)  
All the above served with roast potatoes and panache of vegetables

*For Dessert*  
Our own Country House Christmas pudding, brandy Anglaise, rum and raisin ice cream  
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## NEWS FROM THE BRYNHILL LADIES

## SAM'S DRAMATIC FIGHTBACK TO RETAIN GOLFING TITLE



Katie and Jack congratulating their mum, Sam.

**THE championship final, held on Tuesday, August 11, between 2007 champion Helen Cook and last year's winner Sam Pascoe proved to be an enthralling encounter.**

In the morning session, played in perfect weather and on a manicured course, Helen took an early lead and went two up going to the ninth.

On the back nine, continuing to play solid golf and winning a further four holes, Helen went in for lunch a comfortable six up.

At 1.30pm the match resumed, and over the next three hours, the following crowd, including the club president Peter Hayman and club captain Colin Lloyd, were treated to a thrilling battle.

On the fifth hole, still six down, Sam started her dramatic comeback – indeed, with three holes to play the match was all square.

Helen's superb tee shot on the 16th, landing within eight feet of the pin, put her back to one up but Sam countered, winning the next.

Would the match reach a

conclusion on the 36th hole or would extra holes be needed? It was their third shot on the last that was to decide the match.

Spectators watched as Helen's ball held on the grass above the green, Sam's landing 10ft from the pin, giving her two putts to retain her title.

**Diack final**  
**ALSO well supported during the afternoon was the Diack final (for handicaps between 20-29) between Carole Bumford and Brenda Chick.**

Carole was the first to settle and went three up on the front nine, and went on to win 6/4.

### Dinner

**AT the championship dinner held in the clubhouse later that evening, both Sam and Helen were generous in their praise of one another's play, acknowledging that the final had, indeed, been a match of two halves!**

JP

## The sun shines on bowls finals day

**BARRY Romilly Bowling Club held its finals day on Saturday.**

The competitions began at 10am and went on all day until 7pm. Highlights of the day were the two club champions matches for the ladies and gents titles.

The ladies game was between Margaret Lalande and Beryl Holmes. The match started with Beryl taking an early lead and went ahead 7-5 after eight ends.

The game then changed and Margaret scored 10 shots over the next six ends to lead 7-15. It was at this point that Beryl changed the game and introduced short jacks, scoring 17 shots over the remaining seven ends to win the match 24-17 and the ladies title.

The men's match was between Dave Wright and Alan Bryan. The game started well with both players covering the jack throughout as if they owned it.

Dave began the game by taking an early lead with Alan not far behind. However, it was after 13 ends that the

battle royal really started with the score at 12-14 to Dave.

Alan took the lead on the 16th end, Dave regained it, Alan drew level on the 18th but could not prevent Dave winning the match 18-21 – and the men's title.

Other results: **Ladies 4 Wood Pairs** – winners: D Liscombe and M Newman, runners-up: J Coles and B Freeman.

**Ladies Novices Trophy** – winner: R Goldsmith, runner-up: J Clarke.

**Ladies Handicap** – winner: P Cogbill, runner-up: N Goodrich.

**Ladies 2 Wood singles** – winner: B Freeman, runner-up: D Liscombe.

**Mens 4 Wood Pairs** – winners: G Cogbill and H Jones, runners-up: D Bannister and M Newman.

**Mens Mottram Cup** – winner: M Doyle, runner-up: A Burge.

**Mens 2 Wood singles** – winner: K Clements, runner-up: A Bryan.

**Mens handicap** – winner: D Wright, runner-up: A Freeman.

**Mens Tim Evans Trophy** – winner: H Jones, runner-up: C Geen.

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## Huskies' Seconds off to early season flyer

**BARRY Huskies started their pre season preparations last week with the new second team playing the Abervalley Hurricanes.**

This was the first outing for the new team and coach Mark Cooper, and was formed as the club has had an influx of new players over the summer. The team was made up of a number of last season's first team squad members, together with some new recruits.

The Huskies started with Juan Roderick, Nick Mobey, Jake Hollings, Lloyd Davies and 16-year-old Lee Booker, and were visibly nervous at the start.

However, a strong performance from Davies settled the nerves and ensured that the Huskies finished the quarter 18-10 up.

The second quarter was much the same – Davies, Hollings and James French scoring the majority of the team's points. Huskies went into the half 36-30 up.

A change in defence to start the second half saw the Huskies go on a

15-3 run, Davies and Hollings again dominating the scoring.

The Hurricanes' offence suffered from the Huskies great team defence and couldn't stop the strong running from the Huskies' front court.

At the end of the quarter, the Huskies were leading 62-37.

The fourth quarter saw coach Cooper run his bench. It took a few minutes for the new players to get into the game, but after settling down, the scoring and team defence continued, with the Huskies running out 80-50 winners.

Coach Cooper said afterwards: "This team provides an opportunity for players to develop and move into the first team. As long as we stay together, we will be successful."

Next up for the Huskies is a first team friendly against Cardiff Capitals at Barry Leisure Centre on Tuesday, September 15 at 8pm.

Further club details can be found at [www.barryhuskies.net](http://www.barryhuskies.net) or the team's facebook page, Barry Huskies Basketball Club.

ELLIOT THOMAS

## Dinas girls battle hard through tough competition

**THE girls under-12s entries in Dinas Powys' first football festival were Georgetown, Margam, Sully, Caerphilly, and, of course, the hosts Dinas Powys – strong opposition throughout.**

Dinas opened their tournament against Caerphilly who beat them on both occasions last season. The game didn't start well, going 1-0 down after just a minute, but the Dinas Powys team quickly took control of the game and overpowered Caerphilly 4-1.

The equalising goal was scored by Ellie Wenger and Ella Hatherill went on to score a hat-trick with a fine display in midfield.

Dinas Powys' second game was against Georgetown, arguably the strongest team last year, beating Dinas 8-0 and 8-4 in the league.

The Dinas girls battled relentlessly against strong opposition but narrowly lost 1-0. A testament to just how much

improvement they have made since last year. Well done.

Dinas Powys' third game was against Sully. The Dinas team quickly took control of the game with some fine attacking from Gwen Davies and Emily Hill.

Dinas took the lead before half-time with an excellent strike from Kelsey Murray. Not to be outdone Emily Hill went on a superb solo run to blast a second into the top right hand corner of the goal, giving the Sully 'keeper no chance.

The Dinas team were always comfortably in control and the score remained 2-0.

Dinas Powys' last game of the group stages was against Margam, another very strong side. This was without doubt one of the finest all-round displays the Dinas team have ever produced.

Their passing and defending left no doubt as to what the result would be. After constant pressure, Dinas finally got their reward with a fine goal from Kelsey Murray, her second of the tournament.

The second goal of the

game, which was a screamer from Ellie Wenger and also her second goal of the tournament, killed off any hopes the opposition had of a breakaway goal.

After the final positions had been decided, Dinas Powys were to meet Georgetown in the final, to whom they had earlier narrowly lost 1-0.

In the final, the girls gave everything. They battled and pressurised the opposition but narrowly lost yet again 1-0 to a well-worked Georgetown goal.

Overall, Georgetown deserved their victory in the final as they were just a whisker stronger than the Dinas team.

Some superb football was played by all the sides, and the performance bodes very well for a Dinas Powys team that have improved dramatically since last season.

Well done girls and the very best of luck for a successful season.

**GINO ESPOSITO**  
**(Dinas Powys under-12s coach)**

## Cadoxton cling to top of the tree

**CADOXTON Barry FC, under the stewardship of manager Haydn Stait, remain top of the South Wales Division Two league after three matches, but only on goal difference after drawing their game 2-2 against Cascade at Jenner Park on Friday night.**

The goalscorers for the home side were Jermaine Martyn and Karl Steel.

The Cadoxton Barry FC B team, with manager Richard Rogers, played the Glenbrook at Bryn-y-don on Saturday, beating them 3-6 in their first game of the season.

Manager Dave Eveleigh's Cadoxton Barry FC A side were not so lucky, going down 2-1 in their first match to old rivals Master Mariner.

## Under-8s entertain the Blues crowd in clash with Tigers



**BARRY RFC under-8s had a great start to the new season when they were invited to play during half time of the Cardiff Blues versus Leicester Tigers on August 21.**

The team were really excited to be playing during the first-ever rugby match to be played at the new Cardiff City Stadium.

Barry played Beddau in what proved to be a very exciting game, with the 15,000 strong crowd getting right behind the teams.

Barry won the game 2-1 with fantastic tries by Harry and Sam.

If anyone is interested in playing tag rugby, we train every Sunday morning 10am-11.30am at Barry RFC, Reservoir Fields, Barry.

If you would like more information please contact Nikki on 07723 600964.

**Barry squad:** Sam, Harry, Dafydd, Morgan E, Kaci, Daniel P, Daniel J, Joel, Louis, Lewis, Max, Jay, Rhys, Conor, Morgan V, Jake, Rhian and Mason.

## Flyers take the title

**THE annual Barry Dockers Club summer skittles finals took place on Sunday, August 30, with four teams fighting for the £1,000 first prize.**

The Tyny Flyers beat The Tumbles in the first semi final, and in the second, The Legends defeated The Red Admirals.

In a gripping final, The Legends beat the Tyny Flyers by five pins to win £1,000 first prize.

Thanks to all the teams who took part and thanks to Inn House Automatics for their sponsorship.

To register interest in next years competition, contact John Hill @ Dockersbluebirds@hotmail.co.uk.

JH

## BARRIVALE BRIDGE CLUB LATEST RESULTS

**THE latest results from Barrivale Bridge Club are:**

First, Irene Thomas and Graham Jones 67.19 per cent. Second, Kay Dyer and Denis Mottram 61.46 per cent. Third, Noelle Bond and Mick Green 55.73 per cent.

Irene and Graham also won on handicap.

*New members are always welcome at Barrivale and for more information, ring 01446 733425.*

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# Social and About with The GEM

## Invite to join the National Trust group

THE Vale of Glamorgan Association of National Trust Members which promotes the work of The National Trust, will hold trust members to share common interests and to promote social activities making membership more enjoyable.

The first meeting of the autumn season at 7.30pm on September 16 in the Duke of Wellington, Cowbridge. The talk will be on the 18th century house and walled garden at Llanerchaeron.

## Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan lottery draw number 582.

● £2000: 558409. ● £500: 692755 ● £100: 474894.  
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For lottery information please call telephone 02920 672062.

## Sporting chance for young

*YOUNG people who attend out of school clubs in the Vale will soon have the chance to enjoy playing extra sports after Clybiau Plant Cymru teamed up with the Vale Council's Dragon Sport team.*

Twenty staff from Clybiau Plant Cymru boosted their sporting knowledge after receiving Dragon Sport training at the Colcot Sports Centre in Barry, and are now fully equipped to add athletics to the range of activities on offer for local children.

You can find out more about Dragon Sport in the Vale by calling 01446 704820 or by going online at [www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/dragon-sports](http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/dragon-sports)

## St Donat's photo exhibition for The GEM's Glyn

GEM photographer Glyn Evans' exhibition 'From Penarth to Porthcawl' runs until September 24 at the Gallery in St Donat's Arts Centre.

Glyn said: "The theme behind the exhibition is the stunning landscape of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast and the activities that take place along and near it.

"It features photographs of the coast and nearby countryside – windsurfers, lifeguards, horseracing, point-to-point, polo – a host of images that emphasises what makes our local landscape so special."

In his work as a GEM photographer, Glyn has compiled an unrivalled archive of photographs which chronicle the day to day activities of people who live from Penarth all the way across the Vale to Porthcawl, Bridgend and Maesteg.

## Pencoed surgery

OGMORE MP Huw Irranca-Davies will be holding a surgery in Pencoed on the morning of September 24, by appointment only.

For further information, contact his office and advice centre on 01656 737777.

## What's On and Where?

### Antique fair

AN antique and collectors fair will be held at Dyffryn Gardens, St Nicholas (in conjunction with The European Heritage weekend), on September 19-20.

This year there will be antiques and collectables in the whole of the marquee and education block. Entrance is free.

### Alpha course

A NEW Alpha Course is starting today (September 10), at Zoar Church, Bonvilston (signposted on A48 near Aubrey Arms).

It runs from 9.30pm-9pm. There is no charge for registration.

Further information is available on 01443 237499.

### Vale on the road

RESIDENTS in the Barry area will have the opportunity to quiz Vale Council Cabinet members at Barry Memorial Hall, on September 12, between 10am-1pm.

The cabinet members will be at Rhooose Community Hall and Penarth Pagent Rooms on October 17 and October 31 respectively.

### Rescue boat championships

WALES' first-ever Rescue Boat Championships will be held at Barry Island on September 12-13.

The event is being hosted by the Surf Life Saving Association of Wales, in partnership with the Vale Council, at Whitmore Bay beach, Barry Island, in front of the St John's Ambulance/lifeguards' clubhouse.

Spectators can watch the competition for free at the beach or promenade from 10am.

### Diabetes group

DIABETES UK Cymru's Vale of Glamorgan Voluntary Group meets on September 15, in the board room at Llandough Hospital, Penarth, at 7.30pm.

Members will hear a talk by Rosemarie Harris on Diabetic Retinopathy. For further information about the group, telephone 01446 746639.

### Kidney Wales

KIDNEY Wales Foundation's Penarth branch, is visiting Warwick Castle on

Thursday, September 17.

Transport leaves Barry (Morrisons) at 7.45am and All Saints Church, Penarth at 8am.

If interested, please telephone Heather on 029 2070 5308; or Paula on 029 2070 1209.

### Giant Veg championship

THE Llanharri giant vegetable championship will be held at Elm Road, Llanharri, on Saturday, September 19, at 1pm. Entrance is 50p.

For further information contact Gail Wintle (show secretary) on 07976 935223.

### Global debate

A 10-WEEK evening course by the Workers Education Association's Barry branch entitled 'Global warning: the challenge for all of us, starts on September 23, at 7pm, in Barry Boys Comprehensive School.

Course fees are reduced for people on state pensions or state benefits.

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## GEM wordsearch winner

THE winner of our recent wordsearch was M Matthews of Barry, who won £25 cash.

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## SCOPE community action group award

SCOPE community action group, in partnership with Keep Wales Tidy, recently won the group category in the Wales Volunteer of the Year Awards.

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# JUNIOR SPORTS ROUND-UP

## Tough early season test for the Tondy under-10s

**TONDU under-10s started the new season with an away game at Bryncoch.**

Josh Davies led the team and Tondy kicked off. It soon became apparent that the Tondy youngsters were in for a tough first game. Despite some good defensive work, Bryncoch soon scored the first try and continued in the ascendancy.

Tondy battled in the tight exchanges but Bryncoch were able to exploit space out wide. However, the Tondy set piece remained solid and the players showed some real tenacity when they retained ball and could run.

Unfortunately, Tondy were unable to make any of the pressure count and remained scoreless. Bryncoch managed three additional tries in the half.

The second half saw five changes to the Tondy side. Bryncoch kicked long, Joe Duffill fielded the ball and set off upfield.

With a side-step, a few jinks and changes of pace he went the length of the field for Tondy's first try.

This early success galvanised the whole Tondy side in defence, and when the ball came their way they probed the Bryncoch defence and continued to pressure.

There were several good breaks from Ben Merchant and Ryan Kershaw in the backs, with Shannon Price and Taylor Lloyd taking direct routes for the forwards.

Unluckily, these early attacks broke down when the ball was lost in the tackle.

Tondy's second try came from good work from the forwards, followed by a pickup and drive by Shannon Price to cross the line in the right corner. Soon after she had to leave the field injured.

Tondy continued to probe and snipe and were unfortunate that pressure did not get any more points.

**Final serve: Bryncoch 20, Tondy 10.** Shannon Price was awarded star of the game for Tondy.

*First half: Shannon Price, Josh Davies, Ioan Thomas, Bradley Richards, Iwan Knight, Jordan Morgan, Ryan Kershaw, Jack Llewellyn, Declan Pugh and Morgan Davies.*

*Second half: Ben Merchant, Shannon Price (sub*

*Jordan Morgan), Taylor Lloyd, Bradley Richards, Joe Duffill, Iwan Knight, Ryan Kershaw, Jack Llewellyn, Morgan-Owen Evans and Eleri Knight.* JK

## Tondy under-13s are in top form

**TONDU started the stronger and began winning a regular supply of recycled possession for their backline.**

The first Tondy try came from a series of forward drives. The ball was distributed to wing Osian Flaherty to score near the corner.

The second try came against the run of play. Loose ball was picked up by Osian Flaherty who ran in from 70-metres to score.

This try was converted by Rhydian Jenkins.

The Tondy forwards continued to dominate the ruck and tackle area. Osian Flaherty got his hat-trick when he was released down the wing to touchdown under the posts.

The try converted by Rhydian Jenkins.

Tondy continued to dominate territory and possession during the second period. Rhydian Jenkins scored next picking up possession from a ruck near the Tonmawr 22 to run in near the posts.

Tondy adopted a kicking game during the second period. Ben Jones kicked deep into the Tonmawr half the bouncing ball was caught by Ieuan Evans who scored at the corner.

The last try was scored by Nathan Richards who received the ball out on the wing near the 22, to touch-down following a flowing passing movement from the inside backs.

**Final score: Tonmawr under-13s 0, Tondy 36.**

## First taste of rugby for Ath's under-7s

**THE first game of the season for Bridgend Athletic under-7s saw Pencoed come to Newbridge Fields.**

For all the young Ath boys, it was their first taste of rugby against another side, but they were up to the challenge. Pencoed were, however, a little too strong for the Ath side and scored two good tries in quick succession.

Oliver Gibbs, Connor Lees, Ryley Howells and Ellis Penman all worked hard in attack and Euan Rees, Fynn Mordecai and Ieuan Pippin all had good games in defence.

Pencoed took advantage of some dropped balls and scored two more times before the break. The Ath dug deep in the last couple of minutes of the half and pulled a try back, with Fynn Mordecai squeezing in the corner.

The second half saw the coaches change all seven players and they started where the other boys left off. Some good tagging by Lloyd Anthony and Jordan Gittins stopped Pencoed on many occasions. Rhys Thomas, Callum Taylor, Daniel Elias, Lloyd Bennett and Thomas Lewis all had good strong runs which nearly led to tries, but Pencoed's defence held for the entire second half.

Pencoed scored five more tries, which finished the game off. The young Ath boys played their hearts out till but the score didn't reflect on how well they played.

## Late rally gives Pencoed a draw

**BRIDGEND ATHLETIC under-8s hosted Pencoed and what a game it was.**

Both sides were raring to go and showed good skills in attack and defence. The Ath scored first with a good move to put Isaac Watkins in.

Mason Hughes, Oliver Raynor, and

Mason Edwards worked really hard in defence and pulled off some super tagging. Dewi Harding, Morgan Bennett and Jack Pitts all had fantastic games, with some good straight running which broke the Pencoed defence on many occasions.

Isaac Watkins picked up his second from a loose pass by Pencoed. He intercepted the ball and raced down the pitch to score.

Pencoed hit straight back with a try of their own before the Ath scored two more times through Oliver Raynor and Mason Hughes. With the first half nearly up, Isaac Watkins got his third from a good pass by Mason Edwards.

Not to be out done, Pencoed scored a good try of their own in what was the last play of the half.

The second half again saw the Ath change all seven players, while Pencoed only had nine in their squad. The boys fought well in the second half with Archie Burnett, Bobby Bromley, Dafydd Hitchings and Iwan Hill all getting their first taste of being in a match.

Emyr Anthony tagged well and stopped Pencoed on many occasions, as did Iwan Hill, Daniel Leyshon and Sam Ralph. Pencoed turned up the heat in the second half and scored nearly every time they had the ball.

The Ath responded with Daniel Leyshon getting two tries of his own before Pencoed hit back again.

With time running out, it was end to end rugby. Dafydd Hitchings scored his first for the club but on the last play of the game, Pencoed had the ball from a dropped pass and raced down the field to score a crucial try.

**Final score: Bridgend Athletic 8, Pencoed 8.**

Player-of-the-match went to Oliver Raynor for his all round performance

AB

## Pencoed RFC under-12s off to flying start

**PENCOED under-12s welcomed Merthyr to The Verlands for the first time at the weekend, kicking off their 2009/10 campaign with an unexpectedly comfortable win over the young iron men.**

They took to the full size pitch like ducks to water, running in four unanswered first half tries through Lewis Butler (two), Rhys Butler and Morgan Burgess. Luke Bevan (three) and Connor Goldsworthy added the conversions to give the hosts a 28-0 half time lead.

Merthyr tried in vain

to get back into the game but Pencoed's solid defence stood firm, holding a 10-minute period of try-line pressure by the visitors.

Further Pencoed tries from Joe Daniel, Lewis Butler (two) and Connor Goldsworthy, converted by Luke Bevan (two) and Connor Goldsworthy (two) completed an impressive 56-0 victory for the home team.

All 23 squad members for the day played their part in the win, displaying handling skills and running lines above their years.

It was decided not to award a man of the match as numerous players deserved the accolade.

SB

## Pencoed under-10s take time to adjust

**PENCOED under-10s played away to local rivals Bridgend Athletic at Newbridge Fields.**

Pencoed were able to field a full team, but this was the first time they had played together, as summer distractions had provided little opportunity to train.

This season sees the introduction of scrums and lineouts for the first time for this age group. The added technicality and lack of preparation saw Pencoed struggle to acclimatise in the first period.

On the other hand, as usual, the Bridgend Ath team were well prepared and appeared the better-coached team.

To Pencoed's credit, this game was evenly matched in terms of the physicality, skill and

commitment, but the opening salvo of tries from the Ath left Pencoed a mountain to climb prior to getting to grips with the new rules.

The Ath piled on the agony in the first half with six converted tries, the tries coming from counterattacking and opportunism. The match was by no means one-sided, and the score rather flattered the home team.

Pencoed never managed to capitalise on what was a dominant display by the pack, the Ath snuffing out many of the Pencoed attacks, and the Ath have to be commended on their defensive effort.

The second period of the game saw Pencoed adapt and eventually offer more penetration, seeing several opportunities going agonisingly

close. The parity of performance between the teams was evident in that the second half saw one try each being scored.

Pencoed were rewarded for their toil with Dewi Cross managing to nip through to score, converting his own try.

**Final score: Bridgend Ath 35, Pencoed 7**

The second match saw Pencoed build on their improved performance in the earlier game and, despite an early try by the Ath, Pencoed ran out winners 28-7 with Jack Mordecai, Dan Morris and Dewi Cross (two) scoring tries, all converted by Dewi Cross.

Rhys Thompson was voted Pencoed man-of-the-match.

SC

## UNDER-9s TACKLE NEW RUGBY TEST

**ON a pleasant autumnal morning, Tondy under-9s played their first match of tackling rugby, away to Bryncoch.**

The match got off to frantic start with early attacking by Tondy, followed by a period of pressure from Bryncoch.

However, the first try came to Tondy, with Morgan Strong taking advantage of good work from James Murray to canter through and touch down in the corner.

More hard work from the Tondy players resulted in the next try for Ciaran Edwards, showing great strength and determination to

crash over.

The game continued at quite a pace and soon Tondy got their third - Jacob Thomas setting up Callum Vause to make a jinking run to touchdown in style.

After half-time, Bryncoch took the game to Tondy but some fine tackling from Luke Brett kept them at bay. Mid way through the half, Tondy struck again to score a fine try from deep. Luke Dingle, showing excellent pace, broke through only to be hauled down short. Fortunately, Daniel Mayne was on hand to support and was able to score.

Soon after, Tondy scored again as good

work from Patrick Riley and Cameron Keegans made room for another break, with Lewis Oates able to get in and finish the game with a fine try.

A great team performance with good skill, dedication and effort displayed by all the players.

**Final score Tondy 5, Bryncoch 0.**

*Squad: James Murray, Ciaran Edwards, Lewis Oates, Cameron Keegans, Luke Dingle, Luke Brett, Morgan Strong, Callum Vause, Daniel Mayne, Jacob Thomas, Patrick Riley.*

DM

## Nantyffyllon are beaten by Llanharan's strong squad

**LLANHARAN SECONDS 23 NANTYFFYLLON SECONDS 12**

**NANTY started strongly in this friendly encounter and powerful running from front row forward Richard Hicks saw him over for the first points of the match.**

Llanharan came back and scored the next two tries to end the half at 14-5.

Nanty were not finished and continuous pressure and a prolonged assault on the Llanharan try line resulted in them being awarded a penalty try.

The visitors were growing in confidence and looked as if they could steal a win, but Llanharan utilised their impressive squad and rang the changes.

Nanty now found it difficult to cope with the increased effort from the home team, and in the final quarter of the game Llanharan ran in three unanswered tries leaving the final score at 33-12.

Every Nanty player gave his all but centre Andrew John and scrum half Jonny Phillips were the pick of the backs. Flanker Daniel Hopkins was named as man-of-the-match due to his massive game contribution.

JS

## Youth side lay down marker for new season

**BRIDGEND ATHLETIC YOUTH 62 CARMARTHEN QUINS YOUTH 3**

**THIS was the first game of the season for the Athletic 'A' team, who could not get a warm up game before going into the defence of their Welsh Cup crown in this preliminary round tie.**

The Athletic kicked off but were penalised at the first ruck and it was the visitors who enjoyed the better of the first few forays of the game, having some nice breakouts from their own 22.

However, the Athletic countered with a series of attacks of their own resulting in a try in the corner for captain Stuart Edbrooke. Tom Davies made it 7-0 with a fine conversion.

Shortly afterwards, the Athletic forwards pinched a heel against the head 20 yards out and number eight Sean Derrick drove powerfully before giving an inside pass to Lloyd Evans, who crossed under the posts. Davies converted.

Minutes later, full back Craig Baker joined the line and burst through the defence before handing on to Lloyd Evans for his second try.

Carmarthen responded with a penalty but went further behind from the restart when the ball was regained, and centre James Olds ran 50 yards for a superb individual try, converted by Tom Davies.

This was followed by some clinical finishing with the ball moved along the line from a five-metre scrum for

wing Lewis Harhry to score an unconverted corner try.

Welsh under-18 fly half Matthew Morgan then showed a clean pair of heels with a superb 60-yard run before giving Lloyd Evans his hat-trick try. Davies converted to make the half time score 38-3.

The Athletic brought on all seven substitutes at half time. Scrum half Oliver Olds (on his debut) went blind from a ruck, passing to wing Mike Powell who brilliantly wrong footed his opposite number to score wide out.

Matthew Morgan then dribbled the ball over the Quins line and won the race for the touchdown to give himself a seven pointer.

Powell then grabbed his second try, converted by Morgan, before James Olds was yellow carded for looking after his younger brother who was getting some rough treatment from the Carmarthen forwards.

Craig Baker completed the scoring with an unconverted try. This was an outstanding performance for a first outing of the season and the Athletic showed that once again they will be a force this season.

Unfortunately the younger 'Rags' team had their game called off, but they did have a runout last week against a strong Ospreys under-16s regional side, losing 19-7.





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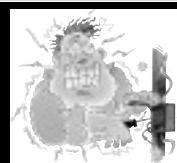
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Look who's 40!

## Craig Johnstone

Happy Birthday

With lots of love, Jo, Nia, Mum and family. Also, Happy Birthday to Mum!  
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## Congratulations

**RHYS LLOYD**  
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on passing all 11 of your GCSE's. We're all really proud of you. It was worth all the hard work. Love Mum, Dad, Sophie and Ellis.

## Family Notices

**REES**

Geoffrey Paul

The family of the late Geoffrey Paul Rees would like to thank everyone who attended the funeral and for all the cards, messages, letters, flowers and other acts of kindness shown to us during this sad time

Geoff was a loving and devoted husband, father, father-in-law and grandpa. He will be sorely missed by his family and friends. Special thanks go to Dr Anna Foreman and Dr Rosemary Kavanagh for their care. We also wish to thank the Rev John Webber and Curate Rev Dr John Njoroge for the beautiful service at the church and crematorium. We extend our gratitude to Mr W James & Sons Funeral Directors for their guidance and sensitive handling of the arrangements.

God bless you, Geoff.  
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**MAGNAY**  
**David**

David, of Cowbridge, passed away peacefully after a short illness on Thursday September 3. Beloved husband of Georgina, father of Claire, Andrew and Kate, grandfather of Samuel, Emma, Jonathan and Thomas. Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Ffnon. Funeral Wednesday September 16, Service 1.45pm at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge, followed by private cremation. No flowers by request, donations in lieu if desired to Holme Tower Marie Curie Centre, Bridgemen Road, Penarth.

## Vacancies for LEA Governors

Applications are invited from those wishing to be considered by the appropriate Advisory Panel for the current Governor vacancies. The Code of Practice on LEA-School Relations states that LEA governors should be appointed on the basis of the skills and experience that they could bring to a school's governing body and the Council's appointment process reflects this requirement as well as the following criteria. Governing bodies need people who:-

- are committed to regular attendance at meetings (usually at least six per academic year);
- have a genuine desire to help improve school standards in partnership with the staff;
- have an interest in and knowledge of the community that the school serves;
- have a knowledge of modern education issues; and
- are committed to attend governor training courses provided by the LEA to update their skills and knowledge to enhance their ability and effectiveness as a governor.

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If you feel that you can fulfil the above criteria and are interested in being considered as an LEA governor at one of the above schools please contact Jeremy Morgan on 01446 709100 (direct line) for an application form. Closing date for the receipt of completed application forms is no later than midday on Thursday 1 October 2009.

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## PENCOED UNDER-11s HIT THE GROUND RUNNING

**PENCOED under-11s played Bridgend Athletic under-11s at Newbridge Fields, where both sides had good size squads to choose from, so two full games were arranged.**

Pencoed showed no signs of early season rust as they dominated all areas of play. The forwards' aggression in the contact area secured a plentiful supply of ball for the well-drilled backs to execute some excellent handling moves.

The pack of Dewi Casley, Dewi Parish, Cary Davies, Zach Taylor and debutant Lewis Miller possessed all aspects of the forward play.

The Pencoed kicking game, orchestrated by Cameron Fyvie-Davies, was first class and was a potent weapon in turning the Ath on a number of occasions, with

excellent chases by the ever-impressive Josh Raikes, Tommy Reffell and Brandon Trasher.

Callum Palmer's passing and decision making from scrum half was first class throughout the match.

The first game ended 35-14 to Pencoed. Try scorers were Zach Taylor (captain), Tommy Reffell, Callum Palmer, Cary Davies and Dewi Parish. There were five conversions by Cameron Fyvie-Davies.

### GAME TWO

**THERE was a complete change in the Pencoed back line for game two, but the pack remained unchanged, except for the addition of Iwan Krieger.**

The forward domination continued and secured good ball for Morgan Allen to attack at will, with a number of aggressive incursions in to the Ath territory, ably

supported by the other backs, Dan Jakeway, Josh Goode, Garwyn Williams and Max Brennan. Calum Blackman made a welcome return from a long lay off.

Max Brennan proved to be a major thorn in the Ath's side by running in a first half hat-trick with another try from Garwyn Williams.

Max completed a fine individual performance with a fourth try at the end of the second half.

The second game finished 35-0 to Pencoed. Try scorers were Max Brennan (four) and Garwyn Williams. All five tries were converted by Morgan Allen.

All the players, parents and coaches would like to wish fellow coach Neil Raikes a swift and complete recovery. The Bridgend Athletic team and coaches also passed on their best wishes.

LT

## Bridgend Ath and Pencoed under-9s in 'goal-less draw'

**PENCOED and Bridgend Athletic under-9s played two matches, and the first was a fierce encounter with neither side wanting to yield any ground.**

The district champions of last season, Pencoed, were trying to use their skills to let flyers Tom Bending and Tyron Harding exploit the spaces.

Bridgend, however, were good at spoiling at the breakdown and created some chances themselves close to the rucks.

Pencoed's forwards had to step up their game, and they did, with Owain Johns again putting in a good display of tackling. Mikey Bosley and Rhys Spurgeon led the mauling and rucking onslaught with 15 turnovers in the game. One such occasion let Tyron Harding away down the wing to go over, but he just put a foot in touch a yard from the line following excellent cover defence by the Athletic.

Owain Johns also went over minutes after, but knocked the ball forward just before the touch down.

The Athletic resorted to kicking the ball out of defence time after time, but Sam Costello caught one such kick in his own half sending Jonathan Carr away. Breaking a tackle he offloaded to Oliver Lewis in close support who broke into the 22, set the ball back for Mikey Bosley, who was stopped inches from the line.

Tremendous support by Ben Humphries and Rhys Bending almost resulted in a try but the whistle went for the end of the game.

### GAME TWO

**AFTER a break, debriefing and changing a few players, the teams lined up for second encounter.**

Starting with a planned move, Pencoed attacked quickly changing the direction of play with a switch move Sam Costello broke through the centre and was away for Pencoed's first try.

The Athletic attacked again down the middle but Pencoed's mauling and rucking, with Rhys Spurgeon and excellent work by Tom Bending kept setting up the ball for the visitors. On one such attack, a sniping run down the blind side let Jonathan Carr's in for his first of the game.

Pencoed were on top and, with Ben Humphries and replacement Jack Morgan and Jack Rowlands controlling the defensive line, the Athletic could find no way through. The next few minutes



saw Tom Bending rip and roll away to run over for his first. Then came Mikey Bosley, whose continued crash balls finally rewarded him a try, and Owain Johns drove over for Pencoed's fifth.

The home did not give up the fight and gained a turnover and went over in the corner. This was a little too late, as the visitors had control of the game and started passing from side to side making space for Sam Costello, Tom Bending and Jonathan Carr to run in their second tries.

Mikey Bosley took another crash ball and used his strength to force himself over just before the whistle for his brace, and Pencoed's eighth.

Pencoed's man of the match was Thomas Bending who had a terrific all round performance. Both teams were a credit to their coaches in producing an excellent standard of rugby and guaranteeing a good crowd when the Athletic visit Pencoed later in the season.

MB



## Athletic under-9s in defence stalemate

### UNDER-9s ATH GREENS v PENCOED

**BOTH under-9s teams started the season in fine style by giving the spectators entertaining matches to watch, for the first games of the season.**

On a fine sunny Sunday morning. The Ath squad played two tough games.

The first game was tight, with both sides tackling very well; the score remained 0-0 at half time.

The determined Bridgend players defended doggedly in the second half. Pencoed did eventually break through though for a touch down, but only to be denied with a foot in touch.

Ath's Teo Fillis, picking up from the base of a ruck with tremendous speed, was brought down a few feet from Pencoed's try line.

Pencoed's defence was just as good as Bridgend's throughout the game, so the score finally ended up as 0-0.

Player-of-the-match went to Thomas Anthony.

**Final score: Ath 0, Pencoed 0.**

**Forwards:** Brandyn Fooks, Jack Obbard, Jade Thomas, Teo Fillis, Thomas Anthony. **Backs:** Connor Fabian, Daniel O'Sullivan, Kasari Mehta, Sam Veasey and Jamie Marshall at scrumhalf.

### UNDER-9s ATH YELLOWS v PENCOED

**THE second game saw the Yellow team with this season's newcomers involved, playing their first taste of rugby and playing the same players as the green team had in the first game.**

There was good running and passing from the Pencoed players and they scored five first half tries. Pencoed touched down first in the second half, with some fine running rugby.

Teo Fillis crossed the line to score a fine try for the Ath.

Pencoed hit straight back with another, with most of their team involved.

Player-of-the-match went to Daffydd Beech.

**Final score: Ath 1, Pencoed 7.**

**Forwards:** Daniel O'Sullivan, Ffion Rebill, Taine Waite, Megan Webb, Thomas Anthony. **Backs:** Christopher Hart, James Hermolle, William Goodall, Jamie Marshall and Daffydd Beech at scrum-half. **Replacements:** Jade Thomas, Teo Fillis, Jack Obbard and Connor Fabian.

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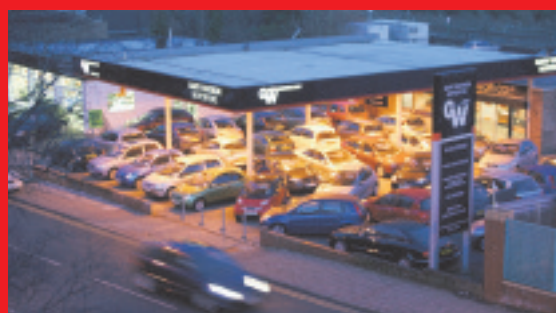
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The Athletic started well enough with some good support running among the forwards with new captain Rod Jones and his predecessor Simon Mustoe to the fore, along with Sean Williams and young Tom Morgan.

From this opening series of attacks the Athletic forced a kickable penalty but exuberance got the better of glo-brotting scrum-half Luke Hopper, who took the quick tap only for Whitland to snuff out the attack and clear their lines.

The visitors were looking comfortable in the scrum through Jones, Mustoe and the powerful Carl Gregory, but it was

from a mistake at the base of the scrum that Whitland pressure forced a loose kick, from which excellent support play led to their opening try, scored by centre Aled Davies, who had previously kicked a penalty.

Athletic continued to give a good account of themselves, with Jamie Doherty and Johnny Jones carrying well and Marcus Sainsbury harrying the opposition at every breakdown. The back line were not as incisive as usual, though the mid-field of Stuart Morris, Tom Goodwin and Rob Coles probed repeatedly to try to open up the home defence.

With half time approaching, the Athletic had fought well and would have been happy to turn around with the slope in their favour only 10 points down, but it was not to be.

Whitland broke down the right and only a fine covering tackle by full back

Lindsay MacCausland denied them the score. From the following lineup, Whitland won the ball and moved it to fly-half Davies, whose beautifully-disguised inside lob

allowed centre and captain Lee Glanville to score under the posts. Davies converted to make the half-time score Whitland 17, Bridgend Athletic 0.

If the Athletic had any thoughts of getting straight back into the game after half-time their hopes were dashed almost immediately as Whitland broke through the middle and, despite there being a suspicion of one or two knock-ons in the tackle, they managed to scramble a touchdown through their flanker, which was again converted.

The Bridgend side kept working hard and continued with good linking play between the forwards. A lovely inside pass from Gregory to Morgan saw the young flanker run 50 metres before being hauled down by desperate cover defence.

The Ath exerted pressure at the scrum and a series of drives eventually allowed captain Jones to get the touchdown, which Morris duly converted.

This score was soon followed by a penalty by Morris as the Athletic introduced Dan Apsee to replace Sainsbury and Tom Penry-Ellis for Williams in an attempt to claw back the deficit. But it was Whitland who seized on an Athletic mistake to move the ball swiftly for right wing

James Stephenson to squeeze in at the corner for the bonus point try, which was again well converted by Davies.

This put an end to the scoring, but the visiting team continued to battle as the injured Morris was replaced by veteran scrum-half John Doherty, and ex-youth prop Matthew Norman came on for Gregory. When Doherty had to leave the field for a blood injury, prop Wayne Fookes was surprised to be called on as a replacement, though he was quickly ushered into the scrum by his colleagues!

Although Bridgend Ath were combative throughout, it was Whitland who were far more clinical in taking their chances and the home defence ensured that Athletic wings Rod Davies and Nick Hinton were starved of possession.

Despite there being many positive elements to the performance there is plenty for coaches Paul Yardley, John Apsee and Dai Williams to work on as they prepare for next week's visit to Newbridge Fields of Bridgend Ravens (kick off 2.30pm).

## Athletic move on in District Cup

BRIDGEND ATHLETIC RFC SECONDS **72**  
BRACKLA RFC **5**

**BRIDGEND** Athletic Second XV, the current holders of the District Cup, began their defence against newly-reformed Brackla RFC.

The large local crowd witnessed a feast of rugby. Set pieces were evenly contested and the Brackla players tackled hard to the end, but could not match the superior organisation, strength and pace of the Athletic.

Scorers for the Athletic were M Hillman, Ben Howe, C Ellis, A Guy, J Nation, C Harris and Dai Price, with Ellis adding the extras.

B Davies scored an interception try for Brackla.

The Athletic will now meet Maesteg Quins away in the next round on October 3.

## Bulldogs all set to lift premier title

**ONLY** a mathematical miracle can stop Bulldogs from winning the Bridgend Sunday 6-a-side Leisure League Premier Division as they cruised through 5-0 against Mean Machine.

Third placed Shed Crew Warriors were held to a 1-1 draw by Racing Inter, and only a massive win on the final day for them or AC Brackla, who lie in second on goal difference, can overturn Bulldogs' two-point lead at the top.

B Attack have long confirmed the First Division title but that didn't stop them claiming a 2-1 win over the Bluebirds, while Velindre Foundation Fundraisers saw them off via the same scoreline.

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## The game goes on... and on ...

PENCOED DEVELOPMENT XV **19**  
WICK **16**

**THIS** Enoch Lewis Cup preliminary round match at the Recreation Ground was very evenly contested.

Capitalising on early scrum pressure, the visitors went into a six-point lead with two penalty goals. Pencoed responded after 28 minutes with a Richie Samuels penalty goal, and at the interval Wick led by 6-3.

Early in the second half, a clean break from 30 metres by Pencoed scrum half Keith David took him over at the posts following a series of sidesteps. Samuels converted.

Wick hit back immediately with a penalty to bring the score to 10-9. The introduction of prop forward James Elton then gave the home side a distinct advantage at the scrum, and Pencoed increased their lead with two more Samuels penalties.

The Wick pack stuck to their task, and pressure in the home 22 led to a converted try at the posts. At 16-16 it was anyone's match.

A Samuels penalty in the dying minutes made the score 19-16 and everyone thought that was that.

However, with the match official apparently enjoying himself, a 56-minute second half ensued, with Wick failing with a penalty before the final whistle went for Pencoed to go through to the first round proper with a home tie against Pyle.

For Pencoed there were stand out performances from David, Elton, and Paul Macfarlane.

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## ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

### Tim's half century

**A** BERTHIN'S Tim Vaughan saddled his 50th winner of the season when winning the selling handicap hurdle at Stratford on Saturday with top-weighted Cloudier, and later in the day made it a double when winning the main event of the day, the two-mile seven-furlong handicap chase with War Of The World who, like Cloudier carried top weight.

Cloudier, who was running for the first time for Vaughan, was ridden by in-form Cowbridge's Deano Coleman and won by one and a half lengths from Telegonus.

War Of The World, who was partnered by stable jockey Richard Johnson, won by a short head from Tempsford.

Vaughan, who is something of a wizard when it comes to winning races with other trainer's cast-offs, is enjoying his best-ever season and, like Evan Williams who trains at Llancarfan, he has become a household name to racegoers throughout the land.

Former point-to-point rider Coleman has been in great form of late and was chalking up his 16th winner of the season.

## Tim Vaughan's bank holiday double win!

**A** BERTHIN'S Tim Vaughan had an across the card double on Bank Holiday Monday when scoring with *Hard And Fast* at Huntingdon and *Rockys Choice* at Cartmel, writes Brian Lee.

*Rockys Choice*, who won the Mahood Marqueses Maiden Hurdle by some nine lengths, was ridden by in-form Deano Coleman from Cowbridge, and *Hard And Fast*, who beat Welsh trainer Alison Thorpe's *Come West* by two lengths, was partnered by R Killoran. Both horses were well-backed favourites.

## GEM Quiz League posers

**HERE** are this week's 'food-for-thought' questions:

1) What is the literal meaning of the Japanese word 'Kamikaze'?

2) Which composer's music played an integral part in the 1940s classic *Brief Encounter* and the film *Shine* in the 1990s?

3) Who did Gene Tunney defeat in 1927 in a world heavyweight title bout dubbed 'The

battle of the Long Count'?

4) The rock guitarist born Saul Hudson in Hampstead in 1965 is better known by what name?

**A RUDGE**  
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1. Divine Wind.  
2. Rachmaninoff.  
3. Jack Dempsey.  
4. Slash.

## BRIDGEND ATHLETIC JUNIOR RUGBY

## Under-10s make flying start in new age group

**BRIDGEND ATHLETIC** under-10 Greens welcomed local rivals Pencoed to Newbridge Fields for the first game of the season.

Both sides experienced uncontested scrums and lineouts for the first time, and also conversions under the posts.

The Pencoed forwards started well and drove into the heart of the Ath but came up against good, strong tackling. Ath loose forwards Joe Graham and Mitchell Davies managed to pinch turnover ball at the breakdown and release an impressive back line that looked sharp with ball in hand.

Wingers Harry Provsgaard, Will Mahoney and later Nathan Willis all ran well, as did Chris Matthews and Caine Woolerton, playing at centre and outside half. The Ath gradually got on top in the first half and ran in five tries, all of which were converted.

The Bridgend forwards began to work better as a pack, with Jack Walker charging and Jac Bassett and Morgan Hughes doing well in the mauls.

In the second half, Pencoed had their reward for good forward effort with a try from a drive at the Ath line. Pencoed played some good rugby in the second period and starved the Ath boys of possession for long periods.

Fresh legs from Matthew Hobby, Thomas Zielinski and Nathan Willis gave the Ath a lift, and after a burst for the line from scrum half Rhys Gamble, the Ath had the last word with another touchdown.

There was great effort from both teams and the game was played in good spirit. Ath try scorers were Caine Woolerton (three), Will Mahoney, Chris Matthews and Jac Bassett. Conversions by

Woolerton (two), Jack Walker (two), Harry Provsgaard and Chris Matthews.

**Final score** Ath Greens 42, Pencoed 7.

Man-of-the-match went to Caine Woolerton.

## Pencoed take their revenge

**THE** Athletic Yellows played in the second match so that both sides could give all their squad members a run out, and it proved very competitive, with the scores tied at 7-7 well into the second half.

Forwards Angus Gregory, Matthew Hibbert, Lewys Jenkins, Iwan Osbourne and Adam Murathodic, who was playing his first ever game for the Ath, all did well in containing a well drilled Pencoed pack.

Drew Cording, playing scrum half, had a good game and was awarded man-of-the-match. Nathan Willis also shone in attack and defence.

There was a much better effort in defence from the Yellows with everyone putting in tackles particularly Sean Quick and Thomas Zielinski.

This was an encouraging display from the Yellows and hopefully they will continue to improve with hard work in training.

The Ath try came from Chris Matthews, who ran in from his own half and it was converted by Drew Cording. Pencoed proved a bit too strong in the end, running out winners.

**Final score:** Ath Yellows 7, Pencoed 28.  
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(More junior rugby on pages 20 and 25)

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